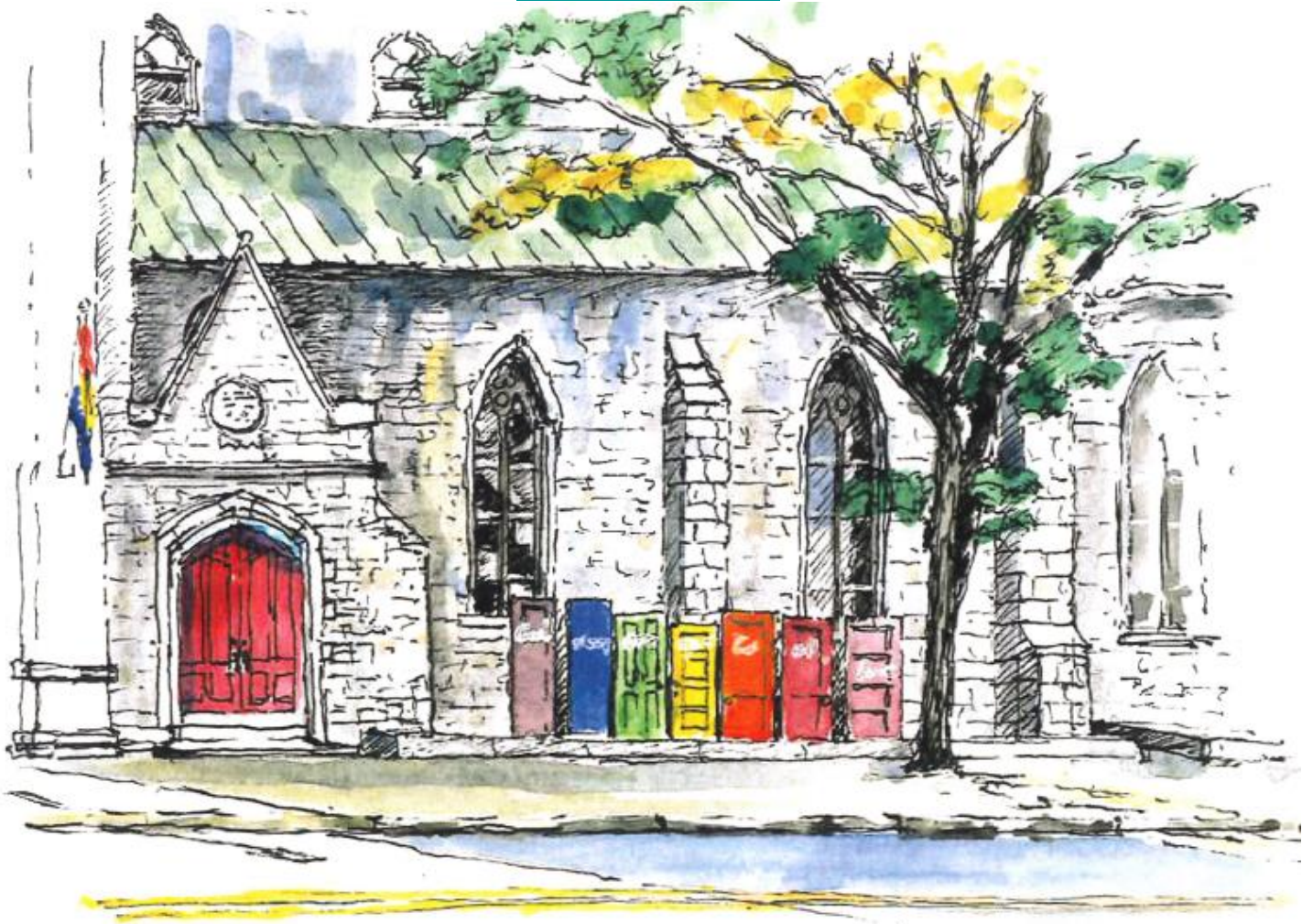


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"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLIWS

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 6, 2024
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE: Variations from *Gott, du frommer Gott*, BWV 767 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
(O God, thou faithful God)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN • 490 “I want to walk as a child of the light”

Houston

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant † Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:

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

CANTICLE

(Hymn 617 v. 1, *Song 1*)

1. Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets singing on their way, guide of the nations from the night profound into the glory of the perfect day; rule in our hearts, that we may ever be guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Lector A reading from the Book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” The Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.” Then Satan answered the Lord, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

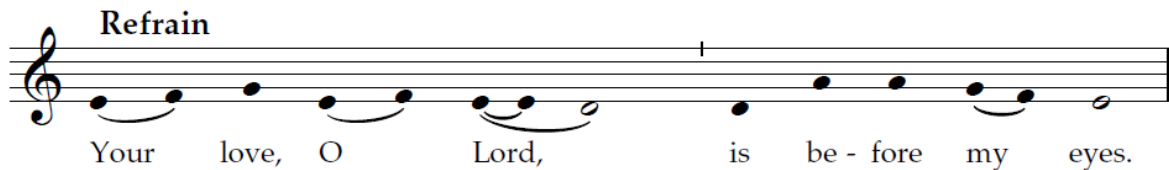
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 26 *Judica me, Domine*

Mode 4

The Refrain is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.



Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered. Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind. **Refrain**

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful. I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked. **Refrain**

I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar, Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds. LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides. **Refrain**

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood, Whose hands are full of evil plots, and their right hand full of bribes. **Refrain**

As for me, I will live with integrity; redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me. My foot stands on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless the LORD. **Refrain**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 554 “’Tis the gift to be simple”

Simple Gifts

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

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

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

Celebrant Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin credo, translated here as “we believe.” Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be “we give our heart,” “we trust,” “we rely upon.” Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All **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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

God in three persons, hear us as we cry out in faith for the needs of the church, for the clergy and people, and those who are seeking you.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Hear us as we cry out in hope for all you are doing in our nation and world. Bless us with your peace and help those who serve.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Hear us as we cry out in urgency for those who are oppressed, hungry, homeless, addicted or in any kind of need. Help the people in our homes and workplaces.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Hear us as we cry out for the protection of our communities everywhere, particularly the children, victims of gun violence, and the elderly.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Hear us as we pray for those who are dear to us and those who are ill or in need. Restore all of us to health of body, mind and spirit. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Hear us as we pray for those who have died and those who mourn for their loss. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

These prayers are offered in thanksgiving to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in full confidence that you will provide for us and for all in your time.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION

The people are invited to sit / kneel.

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Officiant † 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.

All **Amen.**

The People are invited to stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The People are invited to stand as the bread and wine for communion and the offering plates are brought forward at the beginning of the offertory.

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting **73256** entering **stpaulsyr** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The People are invited to sit.

AN ANTHEM:

Londonderry Aire arr. by Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

We are the Lord's. His all sufficient merit, Sealed on the cross to us this grace accords. We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit; Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. We are the the Lord's. Then let us gladly tender Our souls to him in deeds, not empty words. Let heart and tongue and life combine to render No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's. We are the Lord's. No darkness brooding o'er us Can make us tremble while this star affords A steady light along the path before us: Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's. We are the Lord's. No evil can befall us In the dread hour of life's fast loosening cords; No pangs of death shall even then appall us. Death shall be vanquished, for we are the Lord's.

Jessica King, bassoon

The People are invited to stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant Creator of all goodness, you form us in your image and call us to be stewards of creation. You bless us with intelligence and free will, but we have often failed to care for your creation and for the many members of your family all over the earth.

Yet you have never failed to love us. You guide us with your Word, given to us in Holy Scripture. You lead us in your ways of truth and love through prophets and saints, past and present. In the birth of your Son, you partnered with us in the great mystery of life. Jesus lived as we live in a time of despair and violence.

Extending hands of justice and hope, Jesus reconciles us with the faith of our Jewish brothers and sisters. Remembering his way we sing Isaiah's hymn of praise with people of faith in every place.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00 **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.**

10:00 Hymnal S-129

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant Extending hands of truth and love, Jesus reconciles us with present and future generations of disciples. Remembering his way we join our voices in your new commandment:

All **Love one another as I have loved you.**

Celebrant Extending hands of mercy and forgiveness, Jesus overcame the power of death and reconciles us with the pain and suffering of mortal life. Remembering his way we proclaim the mystery of the resurrection:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Extending hands of grace and peace, Jesus reconciles us with you. Remembering his way we turn to you in this blest sacrament of unity. Jesus sat at supper with his friends, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying, "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. He gave thanks to you, gave it to his friends, 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."

We offer the fruits of your creation back to you for your blessing. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

† We offer our lives back to you for your blessing. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might live in you as you live in us.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator.

All **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION

8:00

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00: Hymnal S-155

Gerald Near (b.1942)

The people are invited to be seated.

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.

COMMUNION HYMN • 440 “Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Liebster Jesu

The People are invited to stand.

Officiant Let us pray.
All

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.

BLESSING

HYMN • 347 “Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Litton

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Improvisation*

Jessica King, bassoon

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul’s prayer leaders.

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Peter M., Philip B., Destany W., David V., Don I., Valerie P., Frank M., Mia S.R., Pamela S., Daniella B., Fr. Jim, June B., Helen R.F., Tawiah J., Fr. John and Jo-Ann V.

We remember those who have died in recent days.

The flowers at the altar today are given in memory of Marie & Jacob Heider, Evelyn Bohling & George Bisson by June Bisson.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Julia Fine & Ruth Brown

Lay Readers: *Unknown* / Julia Fine

Ushers: *Unknown* / Susan Stinson

Flower Guild: Tim Cassavaw & Jim Potts

Announcements

* Bring your favorite dog, cat or other pet to St. Paul's Blessing of the Animals, this afternoon, October 6th, at 4 p.m. in Lemp Park.

* **Bring a friend** to St. Paul's for a concert of music for classical guitar and voice, presented by Larry Almeida. Larry is a member of St. Paul's and graciously offers this concert to benefit *Open Doors*. The concert will be on Sunday, October 13th at 3 p.m.

* Have you completed your 2024 Parish Survey? The deadline for surveys is Sunday, October 13th.

* St. Paul's serves at the Samaritan Center on Sunday, October 13th. Please contact Kira Dirghalli if you are able to join in this important work.

* Tours of the Parish House Construction will be offered this morning during coffee hour. The tour includes sections accessible by stairway.

Construction Updates/reminders

Behind the scenes in many different places much is happening with Open Doors:

- Masonry and roofing work is underway.
- Work on the Montgomery Street entrance is ongoing. The red doors have been removed and are being restored now.
- Window restoration (a huge area of this project) is about 80% complete and some windows have been reinstalled.
- The elevator installation is scheduled to begin in November.
- The construction of a new entrance to the Sargent Foyer from the parking lot will be starting soon.
- Work on constructing the new bathrooms adjacent to the Sargent Foyer continues. There will always be a bathroom available in the area during construction.
- The safest way to enter the building during the week now is through the Chapel Door.

A more complete update will be included in the October Courier. Be careful as you navigate around the Parish house and do not enter any construction areas.

Directions for Parking in the Church Parking Lot

You need a decal: If you have a St. Paul's parking sticker on your car we promise to never have it towed.

Sunday Parking: The entire lot is available for members.

Saturday Parking: You may park along the fence or in the contractor area, next to the dumpsters. Please do not park in any other spaces.

Weekday Evenings after 5:00: You may park in any open spaces.

Weekdays before 5:00: Those with limited mobility may find a space to park along the fence. Others please do not park in the parking lot.

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#29 Where do the Prayers of the People come from? It seems like they change every two or three weeks. Why?

At St. Paul's our 'Prayers of the People' are written by members of our congregation. Using the scripture readings for Sunday worship as one source of inspiration, our prayer writers create prayers to be used alongside those scripture readings. The Prayers of the People are crafted in accordance with several sets of guidelines, including those found on page 383 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Since they are written by our members, just a week or two before they will be used in worship, our Prayers of the People incorporate the concerns and language of prayer used by our members. This is exactly what the editors of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer were hoping would happen.

Our prayer writers devote several hours of reading, writing, and reflection to the task of writing the Prayers of the People. We are blessed to have ten faithful individuals who take on this sacred task: David Webb, Anita Wagner, Margaret Sherwin, Laurie Sanderson, Joe Russo, David Morgan, Joe Moorman, Betsy Elkins, Jim Doyle, and Tom Cantwell. We are especially grateful to David Webb who organizes the effort and serves as editor.

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 +

Important

You Need A Decal!

Cars parked in our parking lot that do not have parking decal may be towed.

To make sure your car is never towed, please attach a St. Paul's parking decal to your windshield or front window.

Decals are free and are available from the church office.



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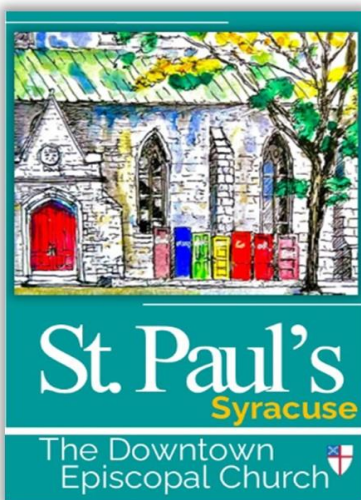
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