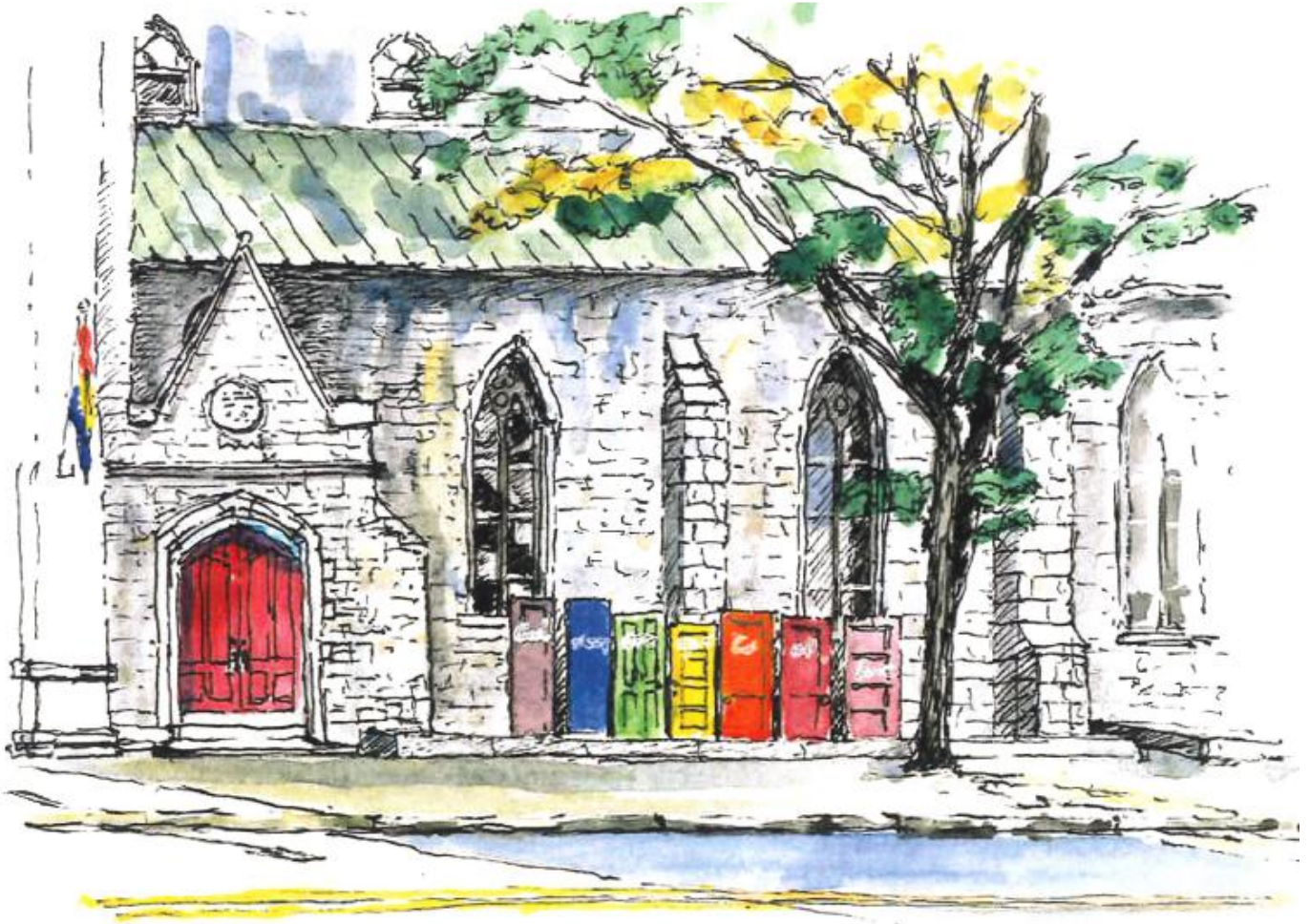




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The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELKINS

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

10:00 AM

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#3 What is the reason the priest and other worship leaders wear robes during worship?

Our simple white robes are intended to imitate the most basic clothing worn by people during the times when the Old and New Testaments came into being. The white robes worn by worship leaders might look fancy or unusual to us, but simple, unbleached linen or cotton robes were the least expensive, most common garments for people during Jesus' time. They are fastened with cotton ropes because in Jesus' time, zippers, snaps, and Velcro had not been invented, and it was far too much work to make button holes by hand.

The robes we wear at St. Paul's are called 'albs', which means 'white'. The priest and other worship leaders wear robes during worship so that the focus of attention during worship will not be on the clothes they have chosen to wear that particular day. During the hottest weeks of the summer, worship leaders do not wear robes in order to stay cool, but you might notice that when they are not wearing robes, they try to wear clothes in neutral colors that will not be distracting.

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 +

ORDER OF SERVICE

Our morning worship begins with the first note of the organ prelude and your silent prayers. Please refrain from conversations during this time.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Prelude on "St. Helena"*

Patrick Davis (b.1988)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN 448 • "O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

Deus tuorum militum

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of the lost ones, you come to our broken homes and call us your own; may our tables be graced by your presence as guest, may our lives be freed to serve and love, through Jesus Christ, the Seeker.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Lector

A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk.
The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous--therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Lector

People

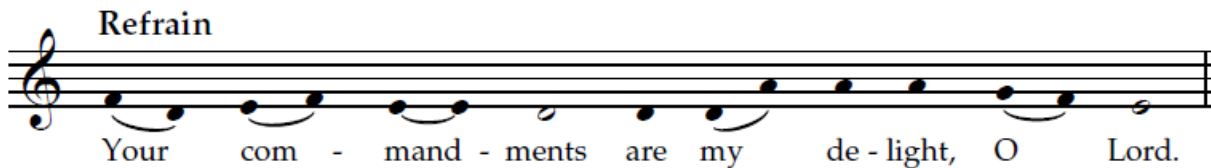
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 119:137-144 *Beati immaculate*

Mode 4

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



You are righteous, O Lord, and upright are your judgments. You have issued your decrees with justice and in perfect faithfulness. **Refrain**

My indignation has consumed me, because my enemies forget your words. Your word has been tested to the uttermost, and your servant holds it dear. **Refrain**

I am small and of little account, yet I do not forget your commandments. Your justice is an everlasting justice and your law is the truth. **Refrain**

Trouble and distress have come upon me, yet your commandments are my delight. The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; grant me understanding, that I may live. **Refrain**

EPISTLE • 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Lector

A reading from second letter to the Thessalonians.
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing.
Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Lector
People*

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

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN 635 • "If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

Wer nur den lieben Gott

HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 19:1-10

*Celebrant
People
Celebrant*

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

*Celebrant
People*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
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.

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love, give your church the will to see all people as your beloved and the mission to lift up all we encounter. We pray especially for the Most Rev. Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe, our Bishop; Philip, our Rector, and the people of St. Paul's.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

God of new beginnings, forgive each one of us for our apathy in the light of the injustice in the world.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

God of mercy, grant to those who serve the needy enough volunteers, resources, and hope, that all might be provided for and that we might find a place to serve in your name.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

God of justice, give our leaders a sense of true vocation in service to the greater good and bless us with those who are willing to serve with compassion, wisdom, and clarity.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

God of hope, restore to fullness of health those who are ill, injured or suffering from despair or anxiety. Bring peace to all who suffer. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

God of our birth, God of our dying, bless all those who depart this world in faith a place with you in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

The people are invited to sit / kneel.

GIVING THANKS FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

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 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.

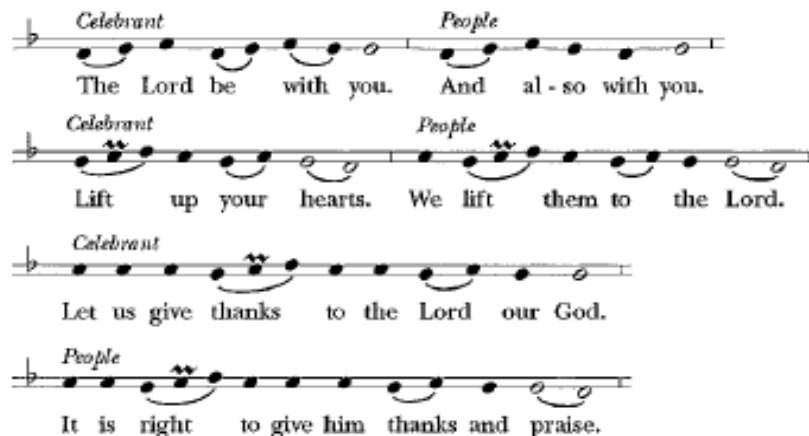
AN ANTHEM

John Amner (1579-1641)

O God my King, I will magnify thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and marvelous worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, long suffering, and of great goodness. My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are invited to stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, The Eucharistic Prayer is from the Church of South India



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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 Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image.

Through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspire prophetic voices to speak the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new.

In Christ Jesus you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples and friends. By his death he destroyed the power of death. By his resurrection he opened the way of eternal life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

10:00 - Hymnal S-129

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

All **Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection, and we await your coming.**

Celebrant Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.

May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ 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 ANTHEM

10:00 - Hymnal S-155

Gerald Near (b.1942)

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

COMMUNION HYMN 318 • “Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face”

Nyack

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant
All

Let us pray.

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 488 • “Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart”

Slane

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE • *Solemn Procession*

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

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

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Destany W., Anne D., and Daniela B.

We remember those who have died in recent days.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of David Garvey.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Georgette & Tim Schmidt

Lay Reader: Terri Tuttle & Laurie Sanderson

Ushers: Greg Tuttle & Harry Lambright

Flowers: Liz Belden-Handler & Betsy Elkins

Announcements

* November 9th: Today is the final day to order a wreath from the Choir Wreath Sale. Please speak with Marion Greenhalgh for more information.

* November 9th: This afternoon at 1 p.m. we will hold a Memorial Service for Dave Garvey. All are welcome!

- * November 11th: St. Paul's Office is closed on November 11th for the Veteran's Day Holiday.
- * November 14th: St. Paul's continues our partnership with *A Tiny Home for Good* by hosting this year's *Tiny Home for Good* Thanksgiving Dinner, on Friday, November 14th. Helpers are needed for the set-up, cooking, and clean-up. Please talk to Betsy Elkins for more information.
- * November 16th at 11:30. End-of-life Forum #1: *When and why to call the priest*. Our Adult Formation series begins with a discussion of end-of-life pastoral care.
- * November 18th: The deadline for articles for the December edition of *The Courier* is November 18th. Please send the final version of your article in *Word* or another commonly used format to Judy at offices@stpaulsyr.org.

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2025

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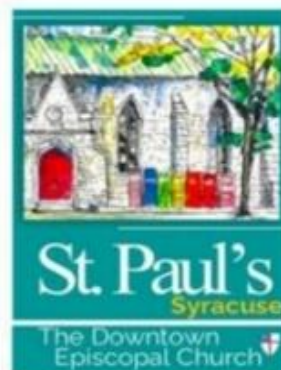
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