



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Lake James
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Our Mission

“To joyfully spread the gospel through worship and caring for others, as a loving church family.”

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The Season after Pentecost – A.D. 2024
Book of Common Prayer:
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II -Year B
Please practice Holy Silence before the Service begins.

Prelude

Processional

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Hymnal #390

The Word of God

The people remain standing

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The Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

The people: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen**

The Hymn of Praise

#S-280 Hymnal

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us:
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Together let us pray the Collect of the Day found in the Bulletin Insert.

People: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons: *Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22*
You may be seated for the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm found in the Bulletin Insert.

Sequence Hymn *O master let me walk with thee* Hymnal #660

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel. (Found in the Bulletin Insert, Mark 9:30-37)

The Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Father Gary Butterworth

The Nicene Creed

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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.

The Prayers of the People – Form V

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People: **Lord, have mercy.***

For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop and our Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe, for Jose the Bishop of this Diocese, Father Gray our Priest, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People: **Lord, have mercy.***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For this *congregation* for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, For those who celebrate Birthdays and anniversaries this week (Read names of those on the Birthday list,) we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, especially: (Prayer list), we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God

Silence

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept, and then together we confess our sins.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of you Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The people stand.

The Peace

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

Doxology

Hymnal #380 v3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also 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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface: *Preface of the Lord's Day*

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Pew Handout

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest**

The Tower Bell is rung.

Then the people kneel or stand as they are able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." *The Tower Bell is rung twice.*

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." *The Tower Bell is rung twice.*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise, and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, so that we may be acceptable through him, being ✠ sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to the heavenly country where, with St Paul, St Mary Magdalene and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now, and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The people and the Celebrant sing Fraction Hymn

Pew Handout

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant: This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love and for those who want to love more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come because it is the Risen Christ who invites you. It is the Risen Christ who wants to meet you here.

All are welcome to receive. Please bring children. If you prefer not to receive please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. **Amen.**

After Communion, the people kneel or stand as they are able and we pray together

Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Together let us pray.

The People: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The people stand

The Celebrant blesses the people:

Recessional Hymn

O love how deep how broad how high

Hymnal #448

The Dismissal

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Alleluia, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Postlude

A few notes

We are asked to practice *Silence* after entering the sanctuary before the service begins.

A space of silence in our noisy world is the gift of time to contemplate how our sanctification may be made real in our own individual life so that our worship this morning may be filled with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ.

You are invited for fellowship & coffee in our Parish Hall
immediately following the service.

If you are interested in joining our congregation, please talk with Father Gary.
Sign-up sheets for Out-Reach and Congregation events are in the Parish Hall.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) & the Daughters of the King (DOK)
meet regularly.

St Paul's This Week, the email newsletter, is published on Fridays.

A History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's was established as one of the mission churches of Grace Episcopal Church in Burke County. In 1906, an Episcopal Mission School was opened on land given by Phifer Scott. The Rev. Walter Hughson and Miss Eva Frances Dixon founded the Mission School and held its first service on September 2, 1906. Five months later, twenty-one people from the community were baptized into Christ.

The Rev. Malcolm S. Taylor took charge of the mission in 1907 and oversaw the laying of the cornerstone of St. Paul's Church on April 23, 1907. Subsequently, the Rev. James Joyner came to St. Paul's as a Deacon where he met and married Miss Dixon. She lived in a mission house on the premises, taught school, gave religious instruction and began an orphanage in the community. She was a faithful handmaid of the Lord, serving with vigor and dedication for many, many years. Rev. Joyner served as minister-in-charge until his death in 1915.

Following Rev. Joyner's death, clergymen from St. John's (Marion) and Grace Church (Morganton) ministered among the people of St. Paul's. Steadfast committed lay people, especially of the White and LaFavers families continued the mission work. In 1951, St. Paul's, St. Mary's (Quaker Meadows), and St. Stephen's (Morganton) were officially designated Diocesan Missions. In the early 1950's, St. Paul's and St. Mary's became yoked parishes and shared priests. Sunday services were conducted in both churches.

Fire destroyed the stone structure of Old St. Paul's Church on December 31, 1979. As rector, The Rev. Michael Mohn continued to hold Sunday services at the White family cabin on the banks of the Catawba River. After much prayer and two years of hard work St Paul's was rebuilt in a new location. Mrs. Martha Greyer donated the land on which the church stands today.

St Paul's has been blessed by the continuous ministry of faithful priests.

1982-1993, The Rev. Michael Mohn, the Rev. Tom Brereton and the Rev. Scott Oxford served the yoked parishes of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

1993-2003 our priest was the Rev. John W. Fitzgerald. Later he was appointed Rector Emeritus.

Our Parish Hall, built in 1996, is named in his honor.

2004-2005, the Rev. Thomas Rightmyer.

2005-2008, the Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig.

2009-2015, the Rev. H. James Rains

2015-now, the Rev. Margaret Dudley Ashby.

Finding your way around our campus: The Rector's study is in the Undercroft of the Church. The Weekly Coffee Fellowship happens in the Parish Hall. Congregational meetings, Adult Forums and Church parties are also held in the Parish Hall. The Church Library is on the lower level of the Parish Hall.

Community meetings and groups use the Parish Hall. If you would like to use this space for a meeting or event, please speak with the Jr. or Sr. Warden.

If you would like to know more about singing with our choir, participating in the activities of The Episcopal Church Women, Daughters of the King or formally joining with our congregation, please ask us. We will be glad to tell you all about everything! Especially our Out Reach activities in our community.

St. Paul's is centered in being a spiritual gathering place for the Lake James Community, for the sake of Jesus Christ.