ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27
November 8, 2026



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

711 South Saginaw St., Flint, Michigan 48502

www.stpaulschurchflint.com

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude: *Priere a Notre Dame* Leon Boellmann

Opening Hymn: *Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us* Hymn 61

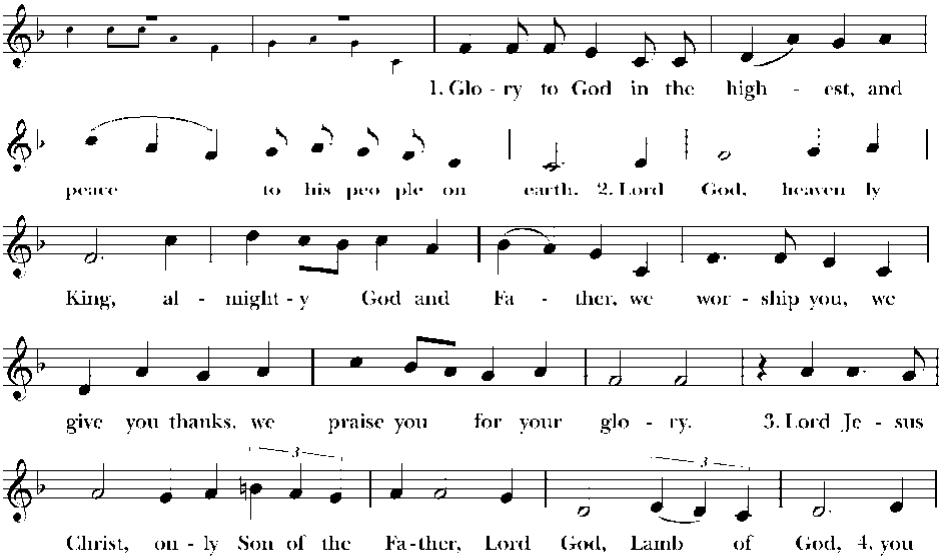




Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

Gloria: *Glory to God* Hymn S 280





The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24 Joel Arnold

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Gospel Choir *Because of Who you are* Vicki Yohi

Because of who You are, I give You glory
Because of who You are, I give You praise
Because of who You are, I will lift my voice and say
Lord I worship You, because of who You are
Lord I worship You, because of who You are

Jehovah Jireh, my Provider
Jehovah Nissi, Lord You reign in victory
Jehovah Shalom, my Prince of Peace
And I worship You, because of who You Are

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Chad Basso

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Choir *My God Reigns in Majesty* Byron Cage

My God reigns in majesty
He reigns with authority
He reigns, Almighty One
He reigns, God's only Son

[Chorus:]
He reigns forevermore
He reigns, come and adore
He reigns, hail Prince of Peace
All praise belongs to Thee

He reigns in all the earth
I will sing of Your worth
My God reigns in majesty
He reigns with authority

HE REIGNS!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 *all standing*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon **Brother Lucas Hall**

The Nicene Creed *all standing*

**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 Brother Lain Wilson

See Insert.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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 your 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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements and Prayers

The Offertory

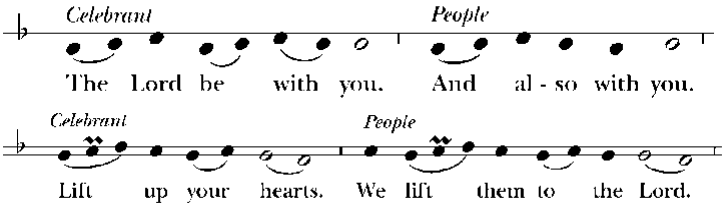
Gospel Choir *He That Believeth* Chicago Mass Choir

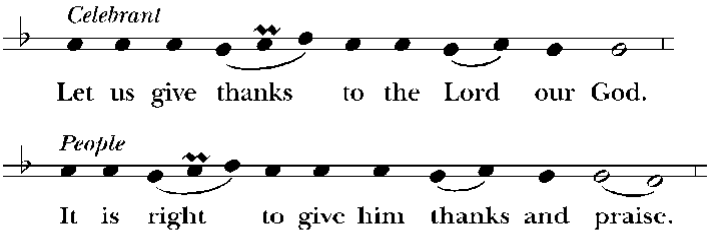
He that believeth, he that believeth
Shall have an everlasting life
He that believeth on the Father and the Son
Shall have an everlasting life
He that believeth, he that believeth
Shall have an everlasting life
He that believeth on the Father and the Son
Shall have an everlasting life
I got it (I got it)
Everlasting life (Everlasting life)
I got it (I got it)
Everlasting life (Everlasting life)

Doxology: *(verse 3 Hymn 380)*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.
R. **And of thine own have we given thee.** *1 Chr. 29:14*

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*





Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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

Celebrant and People

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Hymn S 130

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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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 in 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 delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. 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."

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."
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

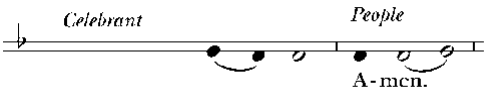
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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, 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 that heavenly country where, with [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.



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

The Lord's Prayer

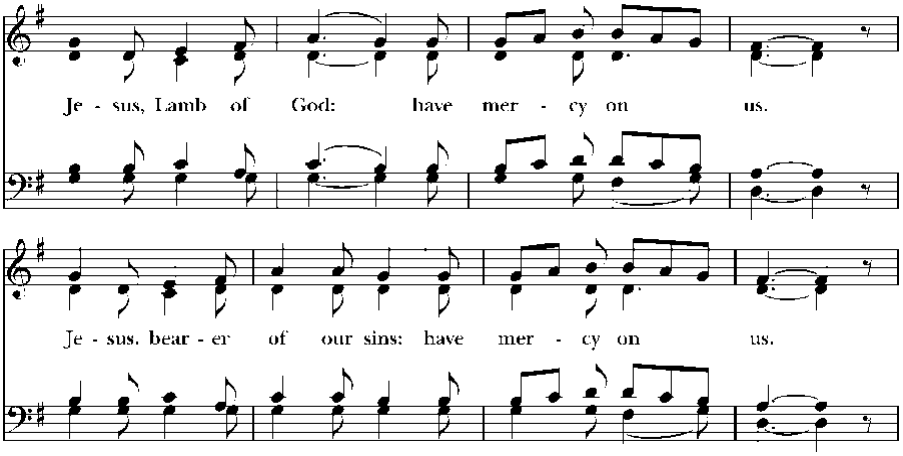
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God* Hymn S 164





The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Ministration of Communion – All are welcome at God's table.

If you are in need of special healing prayers, members of the Order of St. Luke are available during communion at the Sisters Chapel near the side entrance.

Communion Hymn: *Jerusalem, my happy home* Hymn 620

Post Communion Prayer

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 Blessing

Recessional: *Awake, my soul, and with the sun* Hymn 11





The Dismissal

Postlude: *Voluntary in G Major* W. Walond

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday	11:30	Diversity Ministry
Monday	1:00	St. Paul's Ladies Luncheon (Liberty Diner in Flushing)
	7:00	NCC Rehearsal
Tuesday	11:15	C.C. Exec. Board
	5:30	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	12:10	**Noonday Mass**
	12:45	Weekly Bible Study
Thursday	11:00	Order of St. Luke
Friday	6:30	Unity Breakfast
	6:00	St. Paul's Artwalk

On the Cover: **The Ten Virgins**, by Jorge Cocco Santãngelo, 2012.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer:
For all deacons in the Diocese - Linda Crane and Beth Drew, Archdeacons
St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo - Mary Perrin, Rector

Prayer List: Carmen, Clinton Stephens, Jan Smeltzer & Family, Judy Stoerman, Ken Bugbee, Mary Loue Pearson, Melissa Cussans, Sandy Ryder, Stefan Sopher, Darylee Coplin, Les Butler, Amber Ferrer, Dawn & Family, Larry, Lee Little, Carole Davis, Charles King & Family, Robyn, Heather Gagnon, Trent Schaefer, Barbie, Ezra, Kathy Cox, Sydney Phillips, Karen Schaefer, Margaret Powell, Lawanna Hillard, Joan Reynolds

Recovery Alliance Project: Drop -In Hours Tuesday – Friday 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Groups – Wednesday and Friday 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

We Welcome Today: Our celebrant, **the Reverend Heather Barta**. Heather is the Coordinator of Province 5 of the Episcopal Church. We also welcome **Brothers Lain Wilson and Lucas Hall.** Brs. Lain and Lucas visit us today from the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, Mass. Finally, we thank everyone this morning who has joined us from out of town for this weekend's Young Adult Ministry Retreat. Thank you for being with us today!

Contribute Online:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

711 S. Saginaw, Flint, MI 48502
(810) 234 – 8637
Hours
Tuesday – Friday 9:00am -3:00pm
Sunday 9:00am – 12:00pm
Monday & Saturday – CLOSED

Permission to podcast / stream and print the music and service music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license # A-70311 and obtained from SJMP (St. James Press) license #17275.