



Suffolk, Virginia

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

August 7, 2022

The  
Ninth  
Sunday  
after Pentecost

## A Service of Morning Prayer at 9:30

An Organ Voluntary: *Préambule* –Louis Vierne

### Morning Prayer

The Opening Sentences: p. 78

The Confession & Absolution: p. 79

The Invitatory: p. 80

A Hymn: ***How wondrous and great*** #533

The Psalter: **Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24**

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.

**“Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.”**

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.

Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way  
will I show the salvation of God.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.

### Today's Readings from Holy Scripture

The Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;  
bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;

seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;

but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The New Testament Lesson: **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 12:32-40**

Jesus said to his disciples,

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out,

an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.”

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

A Letter: The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Emerson

The Apostles' Creed: p. 96

The Prayers: p. 97

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The Collect of the Day (Proper 14): p. 232

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays: p.98

A Collect for the Renewal of Life: p. 99

A Collect for Mission: p. 100

Additional Collects:

The General Thanksgiving: p. 101

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**The Offertory**

The Anthem: ***How Can I Keep From Singing***

-Robert Lowry

**Concluding Prayers:**

A Collect for the Church: p. 817

A Collect for those We Love: p. 831

**Birthdays:** Zach DeFreeuw, Allison Greene, Mary Kemple Henderson, Bryson Martin, Joe Spruiell, and Graham Webb.

**Anniversaries:** Bob & Carole Klusman and John & Ann Pinner.

**Parish Prayer List:** Ronnie Aylward, Magdalene Barnes, Arthur Buchanan, Juel Carr, Connie Garris, Connie Happel, Richard Harrell, Thomas Hilton, Patricia Hundley, Elizabeth Jenkins, Pete Lipphardt, Peggy Moore, Frances Pettit, Doreen Pickering, Sandi Rekkedal, and Ron Robertson.

A Collect for the Departed: p. 504

**The Departed:** Curtis Rekkedal (from his wife, children & grandchildren).

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom: p. 102

The Final Blessing:

A Hymn: ***Rejoice! Rejoice believers***

**(St 1 & 2)#68**

The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

An Organ Voluntary: ***Maestoso*** –Arthur Page

## Announcements

**Communion-to-Go Bags** are still available if you are not able to attend next week's service and plan to watch on Facebook Live.

After Church Special—Sunday, August 14: **Female Saints**. Norma Spain is planning a special multi-generational program to celebrate the lives of some of the female saints from our church's history. We hope to see you here to participate in all the fun!

## Calendar

8/7 **A Service of Morning Prayer** at 9:30. (Keith will be celebrating communion at Emmanuel Church in Franklin).

8/8 **The Vestry** meets beginning with a meal at 6:30.

8/14 **A Celebration of Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 followed by a celebration of **Female Saints!**

9/11 **A Celebration of Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 with Bishop Susan preaching and celebrating. We will be joined by members and clergy of Glebe Church, St. John's Church, and St. Mark's Church. A Reception will follow the service.

## Assisting in Today's Service

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>L.E.M.</u>	<u>Vestry Ushers</u>
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The Senior Warden: John Rector      The Junior Warden: Joby Webb

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The Treasurer: Beau Holland

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