

# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Holy Eucharist

September 7, 2025 at 10:00am



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# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 18, YEAR C)

## Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

Prelude

*Musicians*

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### Gathering Rites / *Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

#### Gathering Hymn

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

*Hymnal 1982, #11 – Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining four lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, and the piano accompaniment is shown on the bottom staff of each system. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C).

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 God, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -  
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
\*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with  
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:  
 thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.  
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
 heaven - ly host: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Section: Morning Title: Awake, my soul, and with the sun Meter: LM Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt. Music: *Morning Hymn*, melody François Hippolyte Barthélémon (1741-1808); harm. *The Church Hymnal for the Church Year*, 1917

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

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 Savior. Amen.

## Song of Praise

\* Let us praise God to - geth - er all as one.

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## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Grant us, O God, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated*

The First Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Moses said to all Israel the words which God commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Holy One that I am commanding you today, by loving the Holy One your God, walking in God's ways, and observing God's commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Holy One your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to

witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Holy One your God, obeying, and holding fast to God; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Holy One swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham and Sarah, to Isaac and Rebekah, and to Jacob and Leah."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 1*

*We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the Holy One,  
and they meditate on that law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;

**For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God, who made us and who loves us, and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward Rabbi Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my siblings in Christ.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved sibling-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in Christ.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything,

charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, my siblings, let me have this benefit from you in the Savior! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

### WLP, #757 – Will You Come and Follow Me

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the voice part, and the piano accompaniment is in the right and left hands. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains five verses of the hymn. The second system contains the final verse and a concluding phrase. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing a harmonic foundation for the voice.

1. Will you come and fol - low me if  
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if  
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if  
5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and  
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev-er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you  
 nev-er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your  
 nev-er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do  
 nev-er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -  
 nev-er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in  
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in  
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in  
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 5. you and you in me.



## Gospel Acclamation

*We will sing the acclamation once before and once after the proclamation of the Gospel*



## The Gospel

*Luke 14:25-33*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, spouse and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether they have enough to complete it? Otherwise, when they have laid a foundation and are not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule them, saying, 'This person began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what sovereign, going out to wage war against another sovereign, will not sit down first and consider whether they are able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against them with twenty thousand? If they cannot, then, while the other is still far away, they send a delegation and ask for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*Priest* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Statement of Faith

*Intercessor:* Please rise as you are comfortable as we proclaim our Statement of Faith.

We believe in God,  
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,  
and whose love, defeating even death,  
is our glorious promise of freedom.  
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
we put our trust in God;  
and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves,  
in the service of others,  
to seek justice, and to live in peace;  
to care for the earth,  
and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness;  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness,  
and the power of the Spirit of love.  
And in the company of the faithful we will be the church,  
a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,  
for the glory of God alone. Amen.

*Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, ©2001, The Iona Community.*

## Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Loving God, that all who praise your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the

world. We pray for all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St. Paul; Christ Church, Hyde Park (Boston); Iglesia de San Juan, Hyde Park (Boston); Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan (Boston); Church of the Advent, Medfield; and for the Daughters of the King and Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else in the church do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Either in silence or aloud, for which peoples and leaders of the world do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Either in silence or aloud, for what in the created order do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Either in

silence or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks in our lives today? *(You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and all those who may need encouragement and uplift; give them courage and hope, and bring them the joy of your peace and salvation. We pray especially for Kirsten; Nancy Williamson; Paul Friedman; Terry; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the peoples and ministries of the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember in particular LaVelle Ward Carter, in whose memory today's altar flowers are given. Either in silence or aloud, whom do we remember today by name? *(You are invited to offer names.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## Prayer for the Social Order (*BCP* p. 824)

*Intercessor* Together let us pray.

*All* O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Silence*

*Presider offers a collect.*

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, ourselves, and all of God's creation.

*Presider and People*

O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

*Silence*

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

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (*Mt. 11:28-30*).

## The Peace

*Presider*      The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All*            **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

*The Presider offers instructions for receiving communion, and bids the offertory sentence.*

### Offertory Hymn

*Choir*

### The Doxology – *Old Hundredth*

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise God all creatures here below*

*Praise God above all life and death*

*Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath. Amen.*

*You are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

*Presider*      God be with you.

*People*       **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them up to God.**  
*Presider*    Let us give thanks to God.  
*People*      **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

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

*Presider offers a Preface.*

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:

*Sanctus*

The musical score for the Sanctus is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in 6/8 time and featuring a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system of lyrics is: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The second system of lyrics is: "heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-san - na in the highest. san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the highest." The music includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings, with some notes circled in the original image.

*The Presider continues – you are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.*

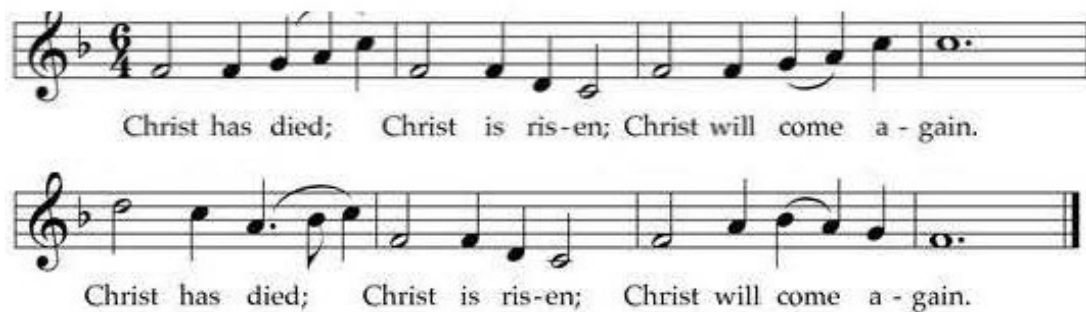
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your

people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all, in Jesus, your Word and Wisdom made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Jesus, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Jesus, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before Jesus died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God 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 the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in Christ's sacrifice, through whom may we all be acceptable to you, 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, children all; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



## The Lord's Prayer

*You are invited to say whichever version of the Lord's Prayer you choose.*

*Presider*

As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

Our God in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* Alleluia. We who are many are one body;  
*People* **For we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.**

*Presider*

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and loved, died, and rose for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion

*Jesus says, "Come and see."*

*You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are. If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.*

*At this time, the Parish of St. Paul offers a common cup as well as individual cups for receiving the consecrated wine. Please either take an individual cup (found on a front pew on the right as you approach the altar for communion) or go to the chalice bearer holding the common cup.*

*If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.*

*If you do not desire Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.*

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*(The following prayer of Spiritual Communion is said privately and is intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.)*

*In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

## Postcommunion Hymn

*You are invited to stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.*

### Praise the one who breaks the darkness

Tune: Nettleton (same as #686 in *The Hymnal* 1982)

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light.

Praise the One who frees the prisoners,  
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.

From this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in every land.

3. Praise the One true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by God's grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.

Praise the one redeeming glory,  
praise the One who makes us one.

## Postcommunion Prayer

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.*

*People and Presider*

God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of compassion.  
You have united us with Christ,  
and you have made us one with all peoples and creatures  
in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that our lives may give birth to your love in the world,  
and that we may continue to make our home in your life. Amen.

## Blessing

## Processional Hymn

*Hymnal 1982, #11 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last three lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The music features a mix of whole, half, and quarter notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line is particularly active, often moving in eighth notes.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,  
 pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our  
 thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Section: The Christian Life Title: Love divine, all loves excelling Meter: 87. 87. D Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

## Announcements

## Dismissal

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.*

*Presider* Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve God, God's people, God's world.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



## TODAY'S LITURGY

### Participants

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – Priest-in-Charge  
Jason Von Ehrenkrook – Preacher  
Eliza Blay – Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm  
Kathryn Anderson – Lector of Second Reading  
Carter Lustig – Acolyte and Chalice Bearer  
David Montgomery – Intercessor and Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Brenda Carter – Pianist  
Ellie Pandorf and Amy Trueblood – Altar Guild  
Chris Gruener – Usher/Attendance  
Kim Koger and Lee Hatfield – Counters  
Will Holz – Tech

### Front Cover Art

Interior view of Yuriria Convent, founded in 1550, Yuriria, Guanajuato, Mexico, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55661> [retrieved September 3, 2025]. Original source: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Interior\\_convento\\_3.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Interior_convento_3.jpg).

## PRAYERS

### In Our Diocesan Cycle Of Prayer:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St Paul; Christ Church, Hyde Park (Boston); Iglesia de San Juan, Hyde Park (Boston); Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan (Boston); Church of the Advent, Medfield; and for the Daughters of the King and Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

### **Parish Prayer List – Prayers are Requested for:**

Kirsten; Nancy Williamson; Paul Friedman; Terry; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

### **SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Happy Birthday, Mary Lou Pierron (September 8)!

Today's flowers are donated by Brenda LaVelle Carter for the glory of God and in loving memory of LaVelle Ward Carter (9/9/1921 – 4/10/1986) on the occasion of her birthday.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!**

Please save the date! On **Sunday, September 28**, our new bishop diocesan, the Rt. Rev. Julia Whitworth, will be doing a visitation at POSP. We look forward to welcoming her to our parish. More details forthcoming.

#### **Welcome to Dr. Jason von Ehrenkrook**

Our guest preacher this morning is Dr. Jason von Ehrenkrook, who is a candidate for holy orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and who was a seminarian at Grace Episcopal Church, Newton Corner, for 2024-25. As part of his formation for ordination to grow in his ability to offer pastoral care, Jason must complete the required unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Jason has been accepted by Lutheran Partners for an on-line CPE program for 2025-26 and will be serving at Grace and POSP as his CPE clinical sites for 2025-26. The hope is that Jason will be with POSP on some Sundays during the year, attend the monthly meeting of the pastoral care committee, offer any workshops or groups that might be of interest to POSP and Grace parishioners, and offer direct pastoral care. Jason is also department chair and associate professor in the Classics and Religious Studies Department at UMass Boston. We welcome Jason this morning and look forward to his participation in the life of POSP this year.

## What's Happening at the Parish of St. Paul - Save the Dates!

- Sunday, September 7: Dr. Jason von Ehrenkrook, Guest Preacher
- Sunday, September 14: Ms. Anne Muyanga and Global Village Children's Project Presentation after church
- Sunday, September 21: Presentation of Diocesan Priorities (in preparation for Bishop Whitworth's visit on 9/28) after church
- Sunday, September 28: The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth visits the Parish of St. Paul
- Sunday, October 5: Blessing of the Animals (*time tbd*)

## Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email Lise in the parish office or use this QR code.



## Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office.

## Pastoral Care

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an in-person conversation about something of concern.

## Receive the Parish Newsletter!

The newsletter is sent about once per week (occasionally more often if there is a pressing notice, for example, of snow cancellation, etc.). The newsletter contains reflections from parishioners, and *lots* of information and announcements about our diocese, the greater church, and other goings-on in and around town and in the world, that are not printed in this bulletin.

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## Can Redemption Volunteers

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener or speak with Rev. Meghan if you can assist.





### **Staff and Office Hours**

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – [meghan@parishofstpaul.org](mailto:meghan@parishofstpaul.org). Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 9am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment).

Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – [office@parishofstpaul.org](mailto:office@parishofstpaul.org). Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

### **Vestry**

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting is on September 17.

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney  
Co-Warden: Kim Koger, [mkskoger5@gmail.com](mailto:mkskoger5@gmail.com)  
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### **Elected Parish Leaders**

Delegates to the Charles River Deanery: David Montgomery and Mary Lou Pierron  
Delegate to the Diocesan Convention: Jack Blay

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