

Please stand for the Gospel Hymn
The Gospel hymn will be announced

The Gospel - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

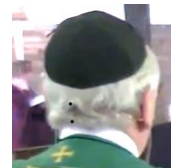
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

From The Zucchetto - a.k.a. Zucchini by the PiC
You Can Walk Away From Jesus, but . . .
By Saint John Paul II



You can walk away from Jesus, but you will never be beyond the reach of the One who loved you before your first breath. You may wander far from the path, but you can never wander beyond the mercy of Christ. His love for you did not begin the day you believed in Him—it was already there before you took your first breath. He knows every wound you carry, every tear you have hidden, and every silent battle within your heart. Yet none of these has ever been greater than His desire to bring you back into His embrace. The Cross stands forever as the proof that His love does not grow weary when you stumble. Jesus never stops calling the heart that has forgotten Him, because He never forgets the one He came to save. No matter how far you have gone, one sincere "yes" is enough for His love to begin restoring your life. Do not measure God's love by your distance from Him. Measure it by the Cross that still stands with open arms. For the One who loved you before your first breath will never stop calling you home.

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of 1St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. **Please pray for:**

Heather Green, Fr. Gordon, Julia Gibson Schwartz



Today's Stewardship Pearl

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." - Acts 20:35

WHO ARE WE?

Every Sunday we stand together in Church and say, "We believe in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." When we say this we are affirming that we are Communion Christians, koinonia believers, by which we mean:

- -together with the Anglican Communion throughout the world
- -together with the apostolic inheritance of the faith
- -together with fellow Episcopalians in patience, charity, and humility
- -together around the gift of Prayer Book sacramental spirituality
- -together with the generation to come as evangelistic witnesses and teachers.

The diocese consists of more than 60 churches, more than 25,000 Episcopalians, and more than 180 clergy, all within our geographical borders that reach north to Oklahoma, east to Arkansas, south to Corsicana and west to Tarrant County. We are part of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion

EVENTS

July 18, 8:00am—Noon—St. Joseph's Guild
9:00am—Noon DOK Daughter's of the King
July 19, Noon-2:00pm—Vestry Meeting
July 26, 2:00 -3:00pm—Greenville Gardens

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 12, 2026



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Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

10:30 am. HOLY EUCHARIST
11:45 am. FELLOWSHIP, CLARDY HALL

MONDAY

9:00 am. CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am. MORNING PRAYER II
6:00 pm. BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. COMPLINE SERVICE <http://stpaulstx.org>
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Sunday, July 12th

LEM/ Lay Readers	Jim Pence
Reader	Debbie Shaffer
Acolyte	Matt Wolff
Thurifer	Laura Pence
Vestry Person of the Day:	Nancy Wyant
Intercessory Prayer:	Laurel Pence
Tech Team:	Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Brad Mathis; Cameras-Nick Stone; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison
Altar Guild:	Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant, Georgianna Harrison

Hymns and Songs for the Day

Procession:	I come with Joy to meet my Lord	H304
Gospel:	Ancient words	A3-14
Offertory:	Take my life and let it be	H707
Sensing of the altar:	Holy Holy Holy Lord God, Almighty	H362
Communion:	Just as I am	H693
Procession to the World:	Shine Jesus Shine	A3-142

Holy Eucharist

Collect

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson– Isaiah 55:10-13

Reader: A reading from Isaiah

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the bri-er shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:1-8, 9-14
Read responsively by whole verse

- [1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist

Psalm 65 continued

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- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Sung by all
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Second Lesson - Romans 8:1-11
Reader: A reading from the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.