



St. Paul's



CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

9:45 am

**The Twentieth Sunday
After Pentecost (Proper 23)**

October 11, 2026

Instrumental Prelude

Welcome and Introduction

After a time of silence, the church bell is rung. All then stand and join in singing the opening hymn.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession #432 O praise ye the Lord!

Laudate Dominum

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Opening Acclamation and Collect of Purity

All remain standing.

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's kingdom: now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Canticle 13 #S-236 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

John Rutter

Remaining standing, all join in singing

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Descant
5. Glo - ry to you, be -
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Collect of the Day

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day. You may follow in the weekly scripture insert.

People **Amen.**

All are seated for the lessons and the psalm.

The First Lesson

You may follow along in the weekly scripture insert.

At the conclusion of the lesson, the reader says

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Please join the choir in singing the psalm.



- 1 The LORD is my / shepherd; *
I shall not be in / want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
and leads me beside still / waters.
- 3 He revives my / soul *
and guides me along right pathways
for his Name's / sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no / evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running / over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for / ever.

The Second Lesson

You may follow along in the weekly scripture insert.

At the conclusion of the lesson, the reader says

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #645 The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

All then stand and join in singing the hymn.



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

The Gospel

All stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

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

You may follow along with the gospel of the day in the weekly scripture insert.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

All are seated at the invitation of the preacher. The sermon is followed by a time of silent reflection.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation

The Bishop then asks the candidates

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who renewed their commitment to Christ

Bishop Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Bishop then says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confirmation and Reception

For confirmation, the Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant _____ with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. **Amen.**

For reception, the Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

_____, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

The Minister addresses the Bishop and the congregation with these words

On the 4th day of May, 2019, I was inducted by Bishop Gretchen as rector of St. Paul's Church. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and both public and private discernment, it has become clear that that God has called me away from this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of St. Paul's ends this day.

Bishop Do you, the people, accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?
People **We do.**

The Minister presents to the wardens the keys of the parish, the parish altar service book, the parish register, or other symbols fitting to the occasion.

The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer

O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

All stand as you are able.

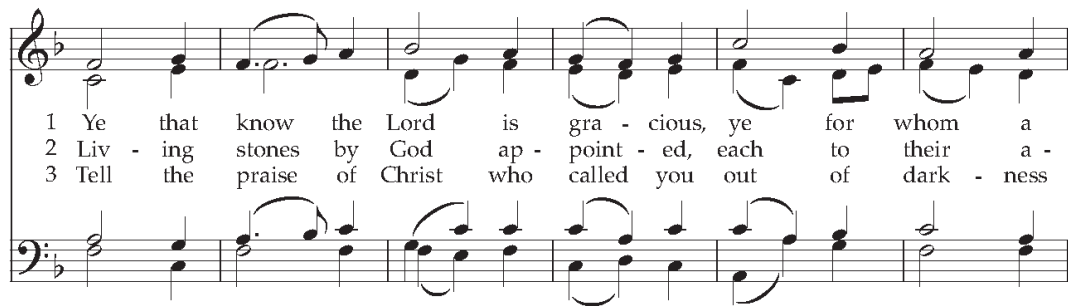
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Hyfrydol

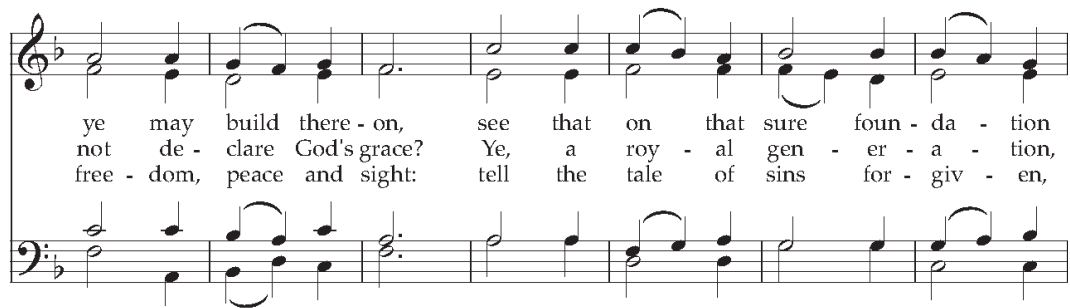
All then stand and join in singing the hymn.



1 Ye that know the Lord is gra - cious, ye for whom a
2 Liv - ing stones by God ap - point - ed, each to their a -
3 Tell the praise of Christ who called you out of dark - ness



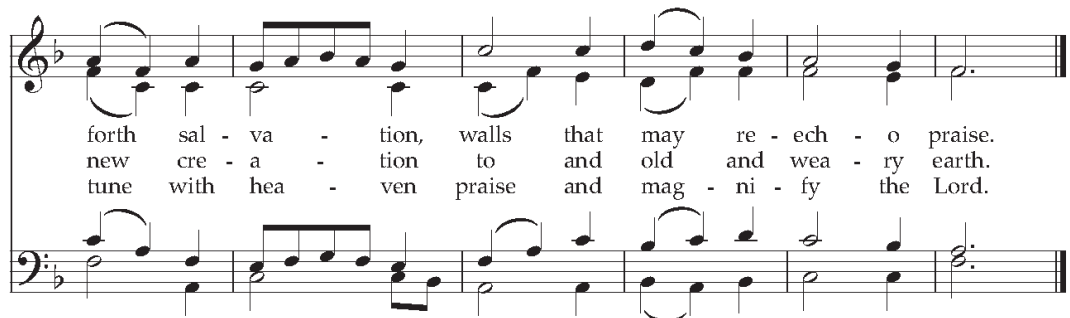
corner - stone stands, of God e - lect and pre - cious, laid that
lot - ted place, kings and priests, by God a - noint - ed, shall ye
in - to light, broke the fet - ters that en - thrall'd you, gave you



ye may build there - on, see that on that sure foun - da - tion
not de - clare God's grace? Ye, a roy - al gen - er - a - tion,
free - dom, peace and sight: tell the tale of sins for - giv - en,



ye a liv - ing tem - ple raise, towers that may tell
tell the tid - ings of your birth, tid - ings of a
strength re - newed and hope re - stored, till the earth in



forth sal - va - tion, walls that may re - ech - o praise.
new cre - a - tion to and old and wea - ry earth.
tune with hea - ven praise and mag - ni - fy the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

All remain standing.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

The Celebrant continues, offering our thanks for God's work in creation and for God's revelation to God's people throughout the ages.

Then the Celebrant says:

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

All remain standing. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

The Celebrant offers our thanks for the many ways God is revealed to God's people throughout all of time and for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. The prayer continues, recounting and remembering the Lord's institution of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the last supper to feed God's faithful people throughout this life and in the ages to come.

Then the Celebrant says:

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...

The Celebrant voices our prayer that the Holy Spirit will descend upon our offerings of bread and wine so that they may be for us Christ's Body and Blood. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will also descend upon us, filling our hearts with God's presence as we prepare to receive them.

The Celebrant concludes

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

Celebrant As our Savior Christ as taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father 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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat, and sing where indicated.



The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the Body of Christ. **[Antiphon]**

One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread. **[Antiphon]**

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says the following invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the sacrament in both kinds, and then deliver it to the people.

All are invited to come to God's table.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion, may cross their arms over their chests to receive a blessing.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the clergy after the liturgy; it would be our joy to walk with you as you enter into life in the body of Christ.

Following the invitation the congregation may be seated and then come forward at the direction of the ushers. Gluten free wafers are available. Simply place your hands palms down to let the priest know you wish to receive one.

Post Communion Hymn

All then stand and join in singing the hymn.

Hymns for each Sunday are listed in the Sunday insert and on the hymn board at the front of the church.

Numbers on the hymn board refer to the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pew rack.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of David among us, and the presence of Em and Nora family here. Grant that both they and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Birthday, Anniversary, and Milestone Prayer

Any worshipper with a birthday, anniversary, or milestone to mark is invited to come forward at this time.

Offerings are accepted to benefit outreach ministries at St. Paul's, however, no offering is necessary to come forward for prayer.

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor on your servants in the journey of *their* lives. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the people. The people respond: Amen.

The Dismissal

The Deacon offers a Dismissal.

People

Thanks be to God.

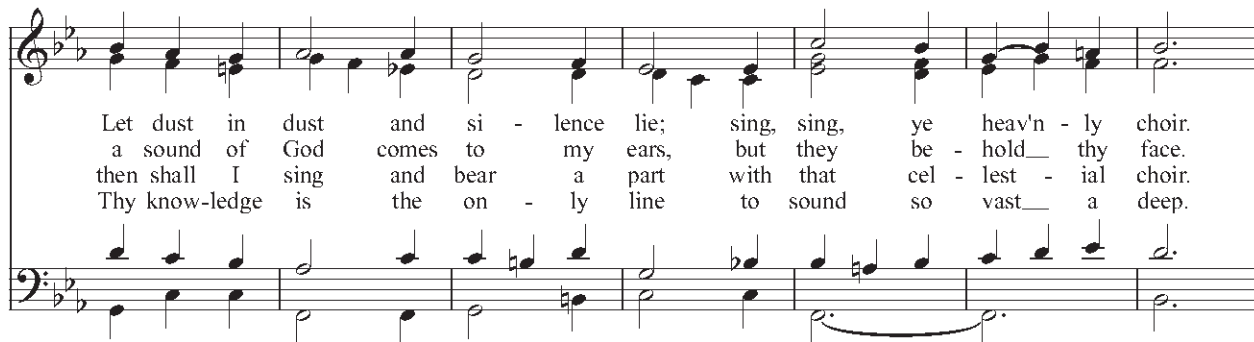
Hymn in Procession How shall I sing that majesty

Coe Fen

All then stand and join in singing the hymn.



How shall I sing that maj - es - ty which an - gels do — ad - mire?
Thy bright-ness un - to them ap - pears; whilst I thy foot - steps trace,
En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's fire;
How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings keep!



Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye heav'n - ly choir.
a sound of God comes to my ears, but they be - hold — thy face.
then shall I sing and bear a part with that cel - lest - ial choir.
Thy know-ledge is the on - ly line to sound so vast — a deep.



Thou-sands of thou - sands stand a - round Thy throne, O God most high; —
They sing be - cause thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me; —
I shall, I fear be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; —
Thou art a sea with - out a shore, a sun with - out a sphere; —



ten thou - sand times ten thou - sand sound Thy praise, but who — am I?
for where heav'n is but once — be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.
Yet, when thou dost ac - cept — their gold, Lord, trea - sure up — my mite.
Thy time is now and ev - er - more, Thy place is ev - 'ry - where.

Instrumental Postlude

*We warmly welcome you to join us for refreshments in the Atrium following our service,
and, if you're visiting for the first time, we'd love to get to know you!*

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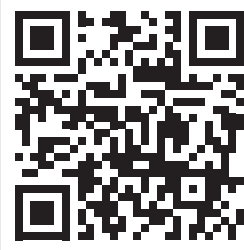
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We believe Jesus when he says that by his life, death, and resurrection, "I will draw all people to myself."

Following his example, St. Paul's warmly invites all people - of all ages, races, means, politics, sexual orientations, and gender identities - to grow as Jesus' disciples together with us and fully participate in our church's sacramental life.
