



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL  
E P I S C O P A L

The Holy Eucharist:  
Rite Two  
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:  
Proper 12

July 26, 2026  
8:00 a.m.

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Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,  
we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

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*As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.*

*For the link to the webpage with the announcements and bulletins, use this QR code:*



*Services are regularly streamed and recorded and you can find them:*

<https://www.youtube.com/StPaulsCathedralEpiscopalSanDiego/live>

*If you're interested in more information about the cathedral's ministries,*

*we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>*

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land.

*- Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023*

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*Kneelers are available in the back of the church: please bring one to your seat if you wish to kneel during the service.*

*Parents with young children are invited to worship with their children in the Playground area of the Nave, where age-appropriate activities are available.*

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*Flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Malcolm Bauer by his husband Charles Fruth.*

§ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

## **The Word of God**

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The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page 355

*The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity:*

§ *The Presider says*

*Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

*Presider*

*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.*

*People* **Amen.**

*The Presider and people say together*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*The Presider says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*       Let us pray.

*The Presider says the Collect.*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

§       *Please be seated.*

## The Lessons

*The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 119:129-136 *Mirabilia (said by all)*

BCP 774

**129 Your decrees are wonderful; \***

**therefore I obey them with all my heart.**

**130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \***

**it gives understanding to the simple.**

**131 I open my mouth and pant; \***

**I long for your commandments.**

**132 Turn to me in mercy, \***

**as you always do to those who love your Name.**

**133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \***

**let no iniquity have dominion over me.**

134 **Rescue me from those who oppress me, \***  
**and I will keep your commandments.**

135 **Let your countenance shine upon your servant \***  
**and teach me your statutes.**

136 **My eyes shed streams of tears, \***  
**because people do not keep your law.**

*The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*The Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer*        **Thanks be to God.**

§                *Please stand as able.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

§ *Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon.*

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Martha Anderson

§ *A moment of silence follows the sermon.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Presider*

Let us stand and proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*(Presider and people)*

**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 Deacon bids the prayers.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People       **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for the welfare of the world; for your creation, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on the unsheltered and refugees, and on all who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The Intercessor offers thanksgivings on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.*

*Silence*

*The Presider says the concluding Collect*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says to the People*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People together*

**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.**

*The Presider says*

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.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Presider*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

§        *The People offer each other a sign of the Peace.*

*Please be seated.*

## **Welcome and announcements**

### **The Offertory**

*You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:*



*or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone. Thank you!*

### **The Holy Communion**

§ *Please stand as able for the offering to be brought forward and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving. The ushers present the money offering to the deacon and the presider may bless the offering*

*The Presider may say*

*All things come of thee, O Lord,*

*The People may say*

**and of thine own have we given thee.** (2 Chronicles 29:14)

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### **The Great Thanksgiving**    Eucharistic Prayer C

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*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*        Lift up your hearts.

*People*         **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*         **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People*         **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**   *(Presider and People)*

**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 Presider continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Miriam, Deborah, and Ruth; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the ✠ grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*All*     **AMEN.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Presider and People*)

BCP 364

**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 Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.*

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| <i>Presider</i> | Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. |
| <i>People</i>   | <b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>   |

## The Invitation

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

- *The Iona Community Worship Book*

*Presider*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the altar. Please take your purse or valuables with you.*

*At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Clergy into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. Alternatively, after receiving and consuming the Host you may proceed to the extra Chalice Bearer to sip from the Common Cup. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing by the Priest instead of the sacrament.*

*As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:*

- ❖ *To receive the Host intincted with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive only the Host, extend one hand, palm up, then you may consume the Host and move to the Chalice Bearer to sip from the Common Cup.*
- ❖ *To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders.*

*If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left. The gluten-free station will also offer a separate Common Cup.*

§      *After a moment of silence following the distribution of communion, please stand as you are able for the following prayer.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 365

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*All*              **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Deacon may send forth the Lay Eucharistic Minister(s).*

*The Presider may bless the people.*

The blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,  
and remain with you always.

*People*      **Amen.**

*The Deacon dismisses them with these words*

Let us bless the Lord.

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

§      *The clergy, altar party, and people depart.*

*Everyone is invited to coffee hour in the Great Hall.*

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## **Ministers of the Liturgy**

*Presider & Dean:* The Very Reverend Allisyn Thomas

*Preacher:* The Reverend Martha Anderson

*Deacons:* The Reverend Canon Brooks Mason; The Reverend Michael Kilpatrick

*Reader:* Cherie Dean

*Head Verger:* Canon Lisa Churchill

*Altar Servers:* Canon Lisa Churchill, Jerry Coughlan

*Altar Guild:* Tonya Chavez, Martha Duque, Ellen Hargus, Craig Monsell, Mary Rathbun,  
Mary Tranbarger

*Ushers:* Christie Batten, Norm Friesen, Carl Mattina, Mary Rathbun

*Cathedral audio:* Lorenzo Nericcio

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*In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible.*

*Please locate an exit nearest you.*

*The exit doors are:*

- ❖ *South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- ❖ *North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- ❖ *South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- ❖ *Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- ❖ *West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*