



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev. John E. Morrison III

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.

We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ
as we worship together!

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Question of the Day: *“What possession have you treated as a treasure, but now recognize is more burden than blessing?”*

Gathering Music

All stand as able

Opening Hymn “Awake, awake to love and work!”

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,
The fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry
Their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze,

To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929); Music: *Morning Song*, att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826)

The Word of the Lord

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis *(Please stand as able)* “Glory to God”

Hymnal S-280



peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly

King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus

Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy

on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most

High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the

glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **Merciful God, turn our hearts to your ways and make us faithful with the gifts you entrust through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:1-7

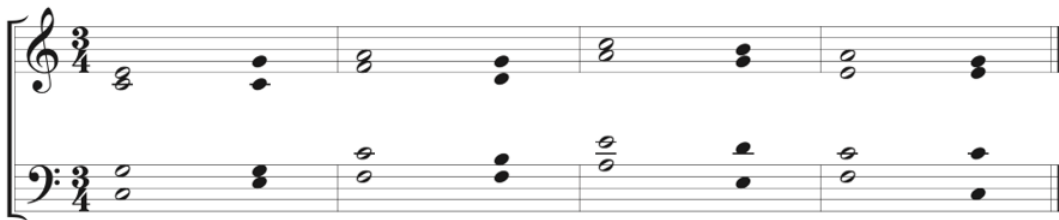
Think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

I have applied all this to Apollos and myself for your benefit, brothers and sisters, so that you may learn through us what "Not beyond what is written" means, so that none of you will be puffed up in favor of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-8



1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in *you*; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over *me*.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to *shame*; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their *schemes*.
- 3 Show me your ways, O *Lord*, *
and teach me your *paths*.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and *teach me*, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day *long*.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and *love*, *
for they are from ever-*lasting*.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans-*gressions*; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O *LORD*.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the *LORD*; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his *way*.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing *right* *
and teaches his way to the *lowly*.

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and

trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John E. Morrison III

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

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.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
For the Church throughout the world, and for all who minister in Christ's
name. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the nations of the earth, and for those in authority, that they may serve
justice and peace. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For this community, our common life, and all our daily needs. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those who are sick, suffering, impoverished, or in any trouble. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the departed, that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayer Requests

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: O Lord, you are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. Hear our prayers and make us signs of your kingdom's treasure, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Healing Testimonies

Gratitude Reflection - Kagan & Max Kronberg

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Praise

“In the beauty of holiness”

In the beauty of holiness
We see You, Son of righteousness
So we bring all that we possess
To lay at Your feet
In the place where Your glory shines
Jesus, lover of all mankind
You have drawn us with love divine
To make us complete

Chorus 1

*So I pause at Your gates once more
As my heart and my spirit soar
And I wish I could love You more
My God and my King*

Is there tribute that I could bring?
Was there ever a song to sing
That could ever express my King
The work that You've done?

Could I ever conceive of this
All the depths and the heights and breadth
Of the riches I now possess
Because of Your love?

*So I pause at Your gates once more
As my heart and my spirit soar
And I wish I could love You more
My God and my King*

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Doxology *a cappella*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as able)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are a God of justice and mercy, who teaches us your ways and leads us in truth. You call us to be faithful stewards of your grace, to return to you with repentant hearts and to serve you with courage and joy.

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

Hymnal S-129

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._____

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You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant: 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Saint Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

All: **O**ur 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- *Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Praise

“Ancient of Days”

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King, reigning over all
So I will not fear, for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

None above Him none before Him

All of time in His hands

*For His throne it shall remain
and ever stand*

All the power all the glory

I will trust in His name

For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night

Overwhelms my soul

He is here with me, I am not alone

O His love is sure, and He knows my name

For my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him none before Him

All of time in His hands

*For His throne it shall remain
and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days*

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Savior king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

*None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain
and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days
For my God is the Ancient of days*

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Merciful God, you have nourished us with the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Guide us in your truth, turn our hearts to your ways, and make us faithful stewards of the grace you entrust to us; through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: **Go** now to in the ways of the Lord, turning from all that leads to death and seeking the truth he teaches. Be faithful stewards of the grace entrusted to you, serving with humility, courage, and joy. **Amen.**

And may the God whose mercy is steadfast guide you in his truth;
May Christ Jesus, the Master, receive your offering with joy;
And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you to walk faithfully in his ways.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

[Hymnal 535](#)

Dismissal

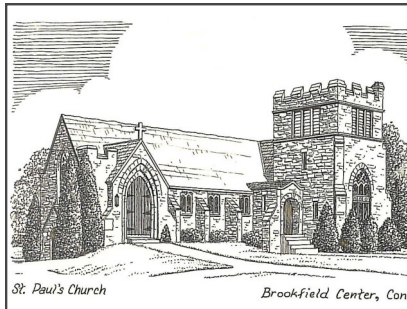
Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Postlude on *St. Magnus*”

Healey Willan



“Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit”



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Sermon Talkbacks - Join us in Crocker Hall at 9:45 am, each Sunday thru Oct. 25th. Sermon Talkbacks are a chance to keep the conversation going. At St. Paul's, we believe preaching happens not just for the church, but with the church as we reflect on our current sermon series on The Giving Parables of Jesus.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, September 30th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 169th food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

Choir Rehearsal - Choir rehearsals have resumed. They gather each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New members are always welcome.

Friday Walking Group - This week's walk will take place in the Newtown Borough and will explore St. Paul's early history from 1785-1812 and our connection to Trinity Church. Meet at the Newtown General Store at 10 am for this easy 3 mile walk, concluding with tea at one of Newtown's historic Main Street homes.

UPCOMING:

Sun, Oct 4, 1:00 pm - Blessing of the Animals

Sun, Oct 18, 9:45 am - Visit from our Cambodian Missionaries

Sun, Oct 25, 2:00 pm - Trunk-or-Treat

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes and the confirmation class meet at 9:45 am. Children will return to their parents or guardians during the service.

The Weekly Point - is our weekly newsletter. If you did not receive this e-mail this week and would like to, contact Mary Perry at communication@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and let her know.

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com)

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| Sun., Sept 27 | 8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) |
| | 9:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms |
| | 9:45 am - Sermon Talkback, Crocker Hall |
| | 10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) |
| Mon., Sept 28 | 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live) |
| | 10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall |
| Tue., Sept 29 | 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room |
| Wed., Sept 30 | 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live) |
| | 11 - Noon - Drive Through Food Collection |
| | 12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room |
| | 7:00 pm - Women's Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom) |
| Thu., Oct 1 | 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room |
| | 11:30 am - Chronic Pain Group, Crocker Hall |
| | 7:30 pm - Property Committee, Crocker Hall |
| | 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| Fri., Oct 2 | 9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Newtown |
| | 10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall |
| Sat., Oct 3 | 7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford |
| | 10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom) |
| Sun., Oct 4 | 8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) |
| | 9:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms |
| | 9:45 am - Sermon Talkback, Crocker Hall |
| | 10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) |
| | 1:00 pm - Blessing of the Animals |



Next Sunday - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for October 4th

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#) - [Psalm 80:7-14](#) - [Philippians 3:17-21](#) - [Luke 14:15-21](#)

