

# Saint Paul's Parish

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## The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

### 8:00 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!

#### Saint Paul's Staff

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Julie Astbury

All stand as able

**Opening Hymn** 

"Praise to the living God!"

Hymnal 372

### The Word of the Lord

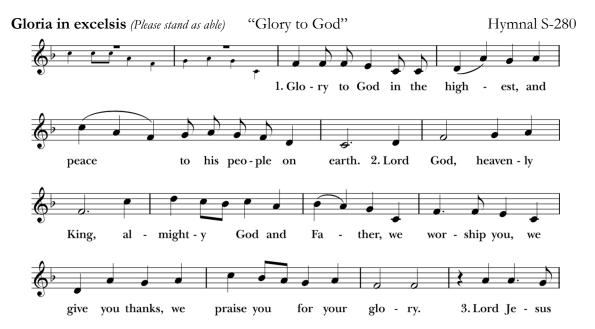
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.





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### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 119:97-104 Responsively by half verse

Oh, how I love your law! \*

all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \* and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, \* for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders, \*

because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, \* that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments, \* because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste! \* they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding; \* therefore I hate every lying way.

### The Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

**Gospel Response** 

"O Christ, the Word Incarnate" (Verses 1 & 2)

Hymnal 632

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel Luke 18:1-8

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Gospel Response

"O Christ, the Word Incarnate" (Verses 3)

Hymnal 632

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

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.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding

Bishop Sean; for our Bishops Jeffrey and Laura; for Fr. Nate; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the one third of humanity that does not have access

to the gospel; for our missionaries in Cambodia; for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-

being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers that God's generosity to us may be extended as we

welcome the stranger and reach out to those who are in need. Pray for a

spirit of hospitality.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the

oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all those who have a claim to our intercessions. We

pray:

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers.

Celebrant: Gracious Lord, you teach us to pray with persistence because you love us,

always provide for us and promise to give justice to your elect who cry out to you day and night. Grant us faith that wrestles with you but trusts that you remain in control. Do not let us go until you have blessed us with forgiveness, guidance and eternal life with Christ. We pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever. Amen.

### Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

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

Silence may be kept.

**A11:** 

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.

**Announcements** Please be seated for the announcements

Please stand as able for all hymns

### Offertory Hymn

"Blessed assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. Refrain

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Words by Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915); Music: Assurance by Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

### Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

# 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.

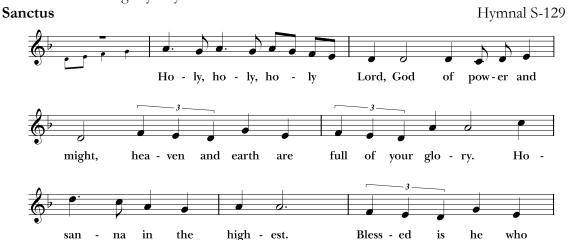
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 merciful, O Lord, and quick to answer when we pray. You grant justice to those who cry out to you for help, peace to those who seek your presence,

and faith to those who ask in your Name.

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:





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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,

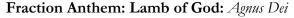
A11:

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 Breaking of the Bread

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

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.





O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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 Hymn "Jesus, our mighty Lord" Hymnal 478

**Communion Hymn** "And now, O Father, mindful of the love" <u>Hymnal 337</u>

### Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we

receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints

for ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now and continue in what you have learned and believed. Pray always,

and do not lose heart. Proclaim God's message; endure hostility; carry out

your ministry fully. Amen.

And may God be quick to answer your prayers;

May Christ Jesus inspire faith within you;

And may the Holy Spirit tutor your hearts and equip you for every good

work. Amen.

**Recessional Hymn** "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim" Hymnal 535

### Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"O Help Me, Lord, to Praise Thee"

Johann Sebastian Bach



### Announcements

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 as well.

**Coffee Gathering** - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee.

**Sunday School** - Sunday School classes start at 10:30 am. Please bring your children directly to their classrooms. Children will return to their parent or guardian before the start of Communion.

**Adult Class** - The Adult Class meets weekly on Sundays between services starting at 9:30 in the Guild Room.

**Trunk or Treat 2025 - Boo! -** Our 15th annual Trunk or Treat event this year will be held in our lower parking lot on Sunday, October 26th, 2:00 pm.. A signup sheet will be in Crocker hall during coffee hour. Candy donations are always welcome and may be dropped off in the orange bins in the back of the church. Contact Emily Perry for more info.

Hudson River Walk - On Saturday, October 25th at 1:30 pm, join us for a special parish "Walk across the Hudson" on the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge between Poughkeepsie & Highland, New York. The walkway is 1.28 miles long (2.56 miles round trip) and offers spectacular views. After our walk, we'll stop at a local restaurant for some refreshment. Contact Ron Switzer (rjswit@msn.com) for more info or to carpool.

**Blood Drive** - In partnership with the Red Cross and the local VFW Post, St. Paul's is hosting a blood drive in Crocker Hall on Saturday morning, November 1st from 8 am - 1 pm. It is by appointment only. Visit <a href="RedCrossBlood.org">RedCrossBlood.org</a> and enter StPaulsCT to schedule.

Coats & Socks Drive - We had our first frost recently which means we'll be collecting used coats and new socks (preferably white) to benefit the various agencies in Danbury supported by the Jericho Partnership. Leave the coats on the rack and socks in the basket in the back of the church.

**Prayer Needs?** - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing <a href="mailto:prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com">prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com</a> and our team of intercessors will pray for your request or you can ask for a prayer servant to call you and we can pray together!

The Priest-in-Charge Weekly - Fr. Nate has a weekly e-mail, "The Priest-in-Charge Weekly," to communicate things directly from his desk to yours. If you did not receive his e-mail this week and would like to, write Fr. Nate at <a href="mailto:priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com">priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com</a> and let him know.

**Sword Points** - Are you receiving our weekly electronic newsletter, *Sword Points*, and other communications from us online? If not, send your name and e-mail address to <a href="mailto:StPaulsSwordPoints@gmail.com">StPaulsSwordPoints@gmail.com</a>.

**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to request Altar flowers for a particular Sunday please see the Flower Chart in the back of the church, fill out an envelope located in the back of the church, send an email request to <a href="mailto:dszen@yahoo.com">dszen@yahoo.com</a> or contact the parish office.

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. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. 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

Sun., Oct 19	8:00 am	- Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am	- Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
	10:30 am	- Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
Mon., Oct 20	7:00 pm	- Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Oct 21	9:30 am	- Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Oct 22	10:00 am	- Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	7:00 pm	- Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
Thu., Oct 23	9:30 am	- Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri., Oct 24	10:00 am	- St. Paul's Walking Group, T.B.A.
	3:00 pm	- Diocesan Convention, Bristol, CT
Sat., Oct 25	7:30 am	- John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	8:00 am	- Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
	9:00 am	- Diocesan Convention, Bristol, CT
	10:00 am	- PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall
	10:00 am	- St. Paul's Quilters, Guild Room
	1:30 pm	- Hudson River Walk, Poughkeepsie, NY
Sun., Oct 26	8:00 am	- Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am	- Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
		- Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
		- Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot
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### Next Sunday - The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am Preacher: Rev. John Morrison

### Readings for October 26th

<u>Joel 2:23-32</u> - <u>Psalm 65</u> - <u>2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18</u> - <u>Luke 18:9-14</u>

