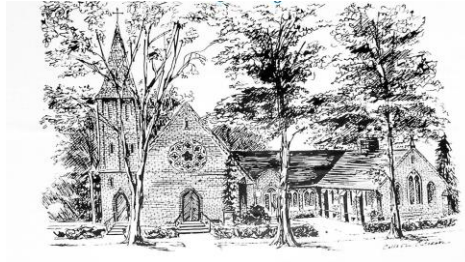


St. Paul's Episcopal Church



23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Nov. 17, 2019

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Sunday Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities
With God's Love through Jesus Christ
Since 1831

Welcome! To those who attend every Sunday, keep up the good work! If you are visiting, seeking, considering a new church family or your first church family, this is what you will find here at St. Paul's. We are a group of imperfect people who do our best to spread the love of Jesus. Judging is left to God; it's too much work for us mere mortals. We love children and don't care if your babies act like babies. We embrace you if you are gay, straight, Christian, not sure what you are, sad, happy, a person in addiction or someone in recovery. When we pass the peace, you will be greeted by all of us; don't be afraid--we like to hug! Everyone is welcome at the communion rail whether for a blessing or to receive the sacraments. You will be invited to coffee hour by at least ten of us. We promise you won't go away hungry! Give us a chance--we're eager to meet you!

OUR VISION: To be a community of faith that shares the transforming love of God with all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR MISSION: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

The Holy Eucharist

The Prelude *Let All Things Now Living "The Ash Grove,"* Traditional

Announcements

The Gathering Hymn *Thou, whose almighty word* Hymn 371

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

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The Collect of the Day BCP page 236

The Old Testament Lesson

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says

the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Psalm 98

Reader: Please respond by the half-verse to our reading of Psalm 98.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * **for he has done marvelous things.**
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * **has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; * **his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * **and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * **lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * **with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * **shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * **the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * **and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * **and the peoples with equity.**

Reader: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen!**

The Epistle Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn *The Lord will come and not be slow* Hymn 462 v1&2

The Gospel

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

***People:* Glory to you Lord Christ**

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and

great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

As the time draws near, let us offer prayers through Jesus, the One to whose name we must bear witness in all the earth, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may continue to offer new hope and vision to all the human family in times of confusion and chaos, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we may never be weary of doing what is right, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this fragile earth our common home, where floods devastate, storms rage, and fires destroy, remembering especially the people of New South Wales and Queensland, that they may be kept safe and delivered from danger, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a spirit of hope, that we may grown in our abiding trust that God is always with us and will never abandon us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those whose lives are threatened with violence because of their race, religion or sexuality, remembering especially those in the transgender community, that they find support, love and strength as they struggle with issues of identity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all whose lives are touched by famine and disaster, the homeless and the oppressed, and those in need of our prayers, especially Margaret, Kathy, Joe, Alice, Naomi, Fr. John & Carol; that they may be strengthened by God's transforming love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those suffering from addictions, that they may desire a clean and sober life, and find the resources for their bodies, minds and spirits that will allow them to do so; for all those who love someone who is addicted, that comfort and support be provided in their journeys; for all in the healing community assisting recovery, that the Holy Spirit will refresh and strengthen them; for ourselves, that we share the power of God's healing and transforming love with all touched by this addictions epidemic; for St. Paul's that a spirit of unity in witness and action will be among us. Merciful God, accept the fervent prayers of your people. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the departed, remembering especially that they may enter into the eternal life promised to those who persevere to the end, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the communion of blessed Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us commend our ourselves and one another to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: God of all eternity, hear our prayers and let each new day be for us a time to testify to the all-embracing love of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Arthur L. Jones, III

Organist & Choir Director: Catherine Hammons

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

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Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Richard Marker &

Chalice Bearer: Esther Welden

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