

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Independence Day
Holy Eucharist
July 5, 2026**

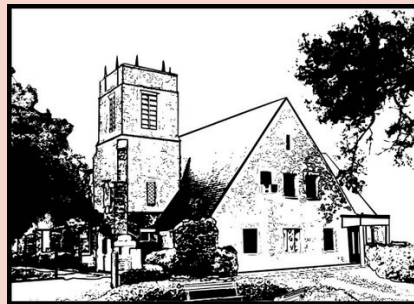


To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever
will come...

The Church opens the door and says in the
name of the Master

Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas
2026 VESTRY
Senior Warden –
Rebecca Rutledge
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock
Clerk - Bill Smith
Arlene Howland
Jay Todd Cleaver
Joe Maglothin
Anne Breitenstein
Organist/Choir Director–
Don Ball, Jr.
Parish Administrator
Kelly Guillot



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful. You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

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Liturgy of the Word 8:00am
Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.
Office hours Monday-Thursday
9:00-3:00pm
Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding:
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We are glad that you are worshipping with us today! "I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord." Ps 122:1
Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

Holy Eucharist; Rite Two

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.
Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.
Or LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal

Celebrant: The Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Deacon: The Rev. Margaret Light
Homilist: The Rev. Margaret Light

Hymn *God of Our Fathers* *The Hymnal* 718

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

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.

Glory to God

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

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Collect of the day *(See Readings Insert)*
ALL: Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The Psalm appointed for today is the Psalm 145 (See Readings Insert)
We will read responsively by whole verse.

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel reading.

Gradual Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

The Hymnal 524

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

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

(See Readings Insert)

After the Gospel

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Following the Gospel, all stand and say **The Nicene Creed**

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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

(See Readings Insert)

Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says .

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**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

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

(All stand.)

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

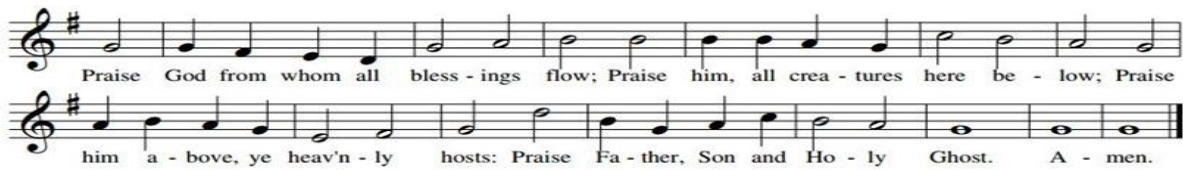
Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Choir

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Hymnal 380



The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer C

The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
PEOPLE: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
CELEBRANT: 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.
PEOPLE: **By your will they were created and have their being.**
CELEBRANT: 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.
PEOPLE: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
CELEBRANT: 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.
PEOPLE: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
CELEBRANT: 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:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: 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; 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."

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



Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

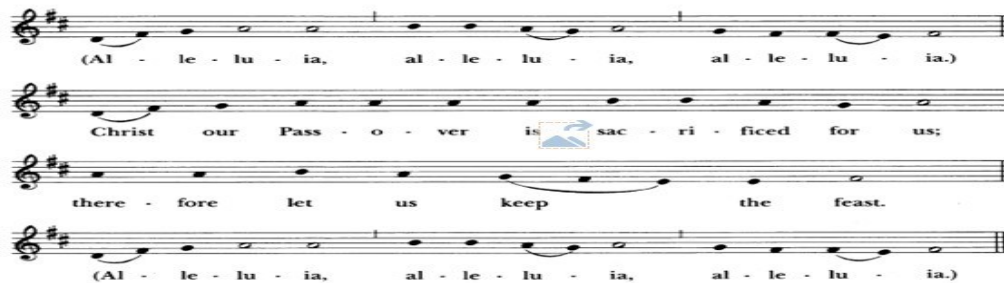
The Book of Common Prayer p. 364

People and Celebrant

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. *(Please say it loudly)* **AMEN.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem:



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.

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.
If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.
If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,
come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **(Amen.)**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **(Amen.)**

Communion Music:

Let us Break Bread
My County 'Tis of Thee
America the Beautiful

The Hymnal 325
The Hymnal 717
The Hymnal 719

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 366

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Hymn:

Christ for the World We Sing

The Hymnal 537

The Dismissal

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 5 Independence Day 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Mother Meg
 4th of July Celebration and Ice Cream Contest after the 10:00am service.

Monday, July 6 Mahjong Group will play at 6:00pm in the parish hall.
 Tuesday, July 7 Breakfast Bunch at 9:00am at IH10 Diner.
 Wednesday, July 8 Mahjong Group will play at 9:30am in the parish hall.
 Thursday, July 9 Game group at 10:00am in the parish hall with parish hall.

Sunday, July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Mother Meg

Feast Days

July 4 Independence Day
July 22 Mary Magdalene
July 25 St. James, Apostle

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Happy Birthday

Shaw, Miss Reilly	7/01
Curran, Carolyn	7/03
Hollier, Mr. Robert F.	7/07
Marshall, Mrs. Shirley	7/07
Peterson, Major Donna	7/07
Cheek, Mr. Nick	7/10
Batchelor, Mrs. Gail	7/12
Hagen, Mr. Emmet	7/15
Maglothin II, Joseph David	7/18
Hall, Mr. James	7/19
Smith, Mr. Bill	7/20
Denosowicz, Mrs. Sue	7/21
Price, Brady Paul	7/21
Frank, Susan	7/24
Maglothin, Allison	7/27
Hancock, Kayleigh	7/30

Happy Anniversary

Dubois, Michael & Sheila	7/04
Rutledge, David & Becky	7/10
Bruce, David and Portillio, Ezequiel	7/22
Michaelis, David & Myra	7/25
Geis, Earl & Pat	7/27



Independence Day 6th Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 2026	7th Sunday after Pentecost July 12, 2026
Eucharistic Ministers Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers Lectors
1st Reading and Psalm Deuteronomy 10:17-21 Psalm 145 or 145:1-9 Ruth Hancock	1st Reading and Psalm Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14 Earl Geis
2nd Reading, Prayers, Chalice Hebrews 11:8-16 Arlene Howland	2nd Reading, Prayers, Chalice Romans 8:1-11 Miles Hall, III
Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy	Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Sermon: Miles Hall, III Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: Anne Breitenstein & Teri Duos Altar Guild: Becky Rutledge Eric & Annie Reeves Sandy Bell	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Jay Todd Cleaver Anne Breitenstein Ushers: Ray & Ruth Hancock Altar Guild: Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Allison Maglothin Katrina Morphis
Flower Guild: Pat Geis	Flower Guild: Peggy Delafosse

Outreach Sunday

All Loose plate offering will be donated to Outreach. If you make a check, Please write on the memo line what is for. Thank you!

Food Donation
for the Food pantry
 St. Paul' has a food pantry box. We will restocking often. If you would like to make a donation there is a box in the Guild room that you can put your donation in. Thank you for your help.