

We welcome all to St. Paul's. If you would like to know about our parish, desire pastoral assistance or would like to be on our mailing list, please fill out a "welcome card" and give it to a greeter or place it in the offering plate.

Worship Materials are found in the pew in front of you. The red book is *The Book of Common Prayer* and the blue book is *The Hymnal 1982*. Service music (designated with an "S" before the number) is found in the beginning of the Hymnal.

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2017**

10:45 a.m.

Celebrant— The Rev. Garrett Yates
Preacher — The Rev. Noah H. Evans

"BCP" refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*.
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Prelude: Two Brahms Waltzes

Cathie Buschek & Susan Vines, Piano Four-hands

Processional Hymn 11 "Awake my soul"

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis Hymn S 278

The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm 78:1-7

Plainsong Tone I.II

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sequence Hymn 61 "Sleepers wake"

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Sermon

The Rev. Noah H. Evans

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Confession

BCP 360

The people may kneel or stand.

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Stewardship Testimonial

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "Keep your lamps"

Andre Thomas b. 1952

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, (3x) The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary, (3x) 'Til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over (3x) The time is drawing nigh

Presentation Hymn 68 "Rejoice, rejoice believers"

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

The people may stand or kneel.

Sanctus Hymn S 130

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Fraction Anthem Hymn S 164 "Lamb of God"

*All are invited to the Lord's table.
Please approach from the center aisle and return using side aisles.
If you need communion brought to your pew, please let the ushers know.*

Communion Music "Ye who do your Master's will"

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

(Please join in singing)

Hymn 620 "Jerusalem my happy home"

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 436 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"

Dismissal

Postlude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

(Awake, the voice is calling us)

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