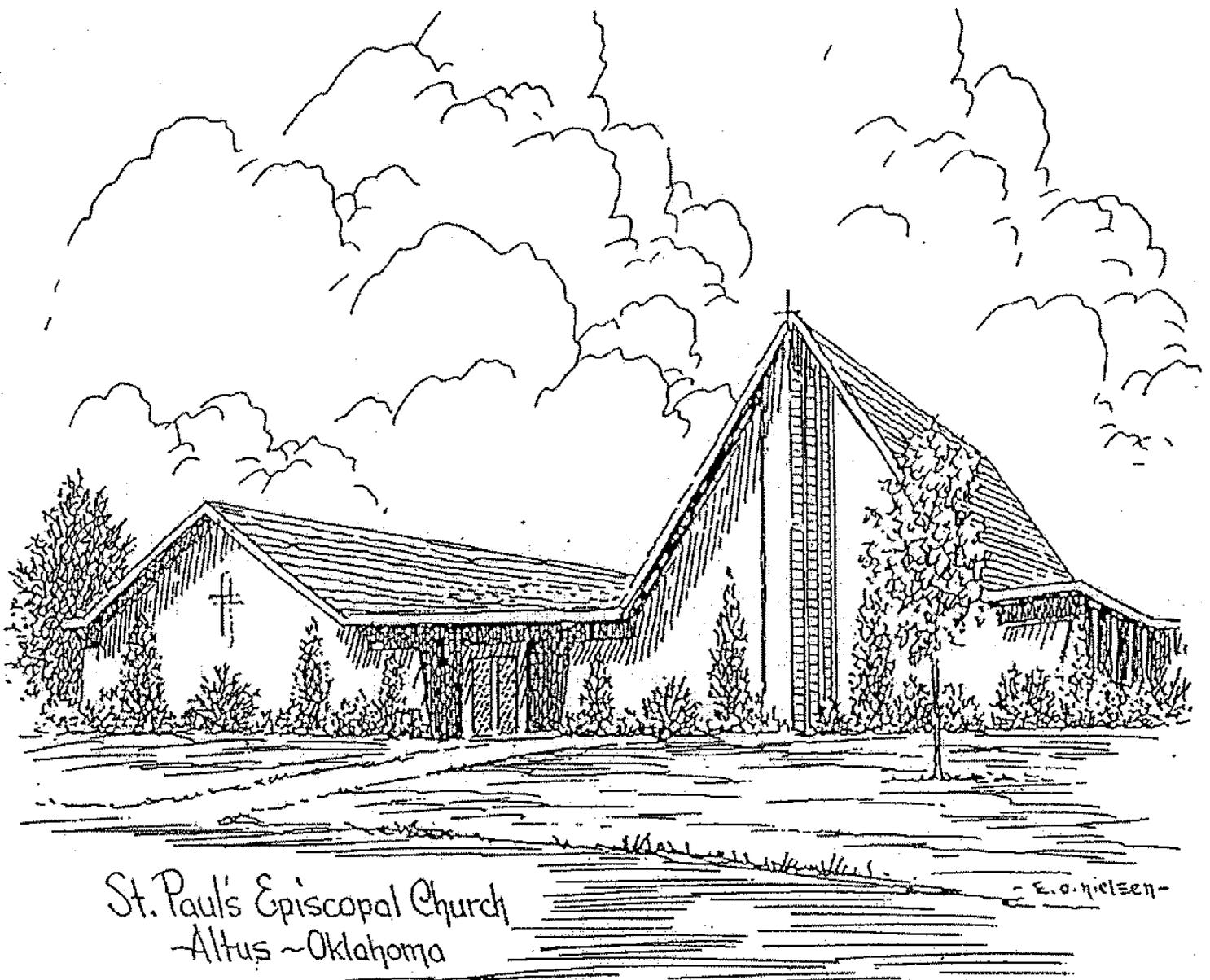


*St. Paul's: Come and worship with us.  
A place of rest, peace and love.*



*The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*September 10th, 2017*

*721 North Thomas Street Altus Ok 73521*

*Phone: 580-482-2102*

*E-mail: [stpauls.altus@att.net](mailto:stpauls.altus@att.net)*

*Web Site: [www.stpauls-altus.org](http://www.stpauls-altus.org)*

*The Reverend Suzanne Mollison*

*Please silence cell phones*

At the end of every service we are sent out into the world to make a difference by demonstrating God's love in the world. The question we should ask before each service begins is, how have we been successful in accomplishing this mission?

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Prelude*

*Organist*

*Please stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day*

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 376

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Farther, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*The celebrant continues*

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*

Hymnal S 280

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Lesson

**Exodus 12:1-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

*The people will recite the psalm responsively by the whole verse, or in unison.*

## **Psalm 149**

*Cantate Domino*

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance;  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people  
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;  
this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

## The Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (*stand*)

Hymnal 336

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

*Priest* **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**  
**The Reverend Suzanne Mollison**  
**Time of Reflection**

*(The People Stand)*

**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:  
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.

## **The Prayers of the People Form III (kneeling or standing)**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In our Anglican cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Diocese of the Seychelles (Indian Ocean).

In our Diocesan cycle of Prayer: Pray for Holland Hall School, Tulsa, Casady School, Oklahoma City, Oak Hall School, Ardmore.

Let us Pray for The Rev. Susan Lindley and her husband George, The Rev. Justin Lindstrom and his wife Susan and the Rev. Arlen Lloyd.

In our Parish cycle of Prayer: Pray for Jaime, Dawn, Jenna and James Buentello, Tom Cotner and Terry and Nancy Davidson.

Give thanks for the birthdays of Drew Hammock, Katrina Lifer and Marty Howeth and remember the anniversary of Rick and Doris Stebbens.

*(Your own petitions and intercessions may be added at this time either silently or aloud).*

*Celebrant concludes with*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Confession (kneeling)**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.*

**The Absolution**

The Celebrant says: 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 (All stand)**

*The celebrant says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Announcements (seated)*

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

*(in unison)*

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he/she/they* begins another year. Grant that *he/she/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* *life/lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Offertory** (seated)

*For this Sunday undesignated checks or cash in the plate offering is designated for the priest educational fund.*

The Doxology (stand)

Hymnal 380; vs. 3

*(sung)*

*"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. Amen"*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

*Celebrant and People*

*Sanctus*

Hymnal S130

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

*Sanctus bells are rung.*

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

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

*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. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei Hymnal S 164  
(Sing)

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world  
give us your peace, give us your peace

*The celebrant then adds*

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.

***The ushers then begin to lead worshippers to the altar rail***

*All baptized individuals are invited to communion. To receive communion at the altar rail you may kneel or stand. To receive the bread (wafer) place one hand on top of another, palms up, and the celebrant will place the bread in your hand.*

*You may eat the bread immediately by bringing your hands up to your mouth and eat it. If you prefer you may keep the bread in your hand and have it dipped into the chalice and placed into your mouth by the Deacon or Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM).*

*If you eat the bread before the chalice is offered to you, then please guide the chalice to your mouth by gently touching the base of the chalice. The chalice is wiped and rotated after each person consumes wine from it. Women who wear lipstick are asked to dab their lips before coming to altar rail if drinking from the chalice.*

*If for any reason you cannot or do not want to drink the wine then you may leave the altar after receiving and consuming the bread.*

*If you do not want to receive communion, but would like to receive a blessing, then come to the altar rail during communion and place your arms across your chest. This will tell the celebrant that you are requesting a blessing, and then one will be given. You may leave the altar rail immediately after receiving the blessing.*

Communion Hymn (*seated or kneeling*)

Hymnal 676

Post Communion Prayer (*kneeling or standing*)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

Celebrant continues

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

Recessional Hymn (*standing*)

Hymnal 518

Dismissal (*standing*)

*Officiant* Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord and make a  
difference in the world.

*People* We will -- Thanks be to God.

*Closing Voluntary*

*Organist*

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Suzanne Mollison

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: John Womack

LECTORS: First Lesson: Nancy Davidson  
The Epistle: Jon Kidwell

USHERS: Lynn Sharp and Steve Brandon

CRUCIFER: Jon Kidwell

ACOLYTES:

ALTAR GUILD: John Womack

HOSPITALITY: Hot Dogs, baked beans, cookies and watermelon

LOCK-UP: Nancy Davidson

*This week at St. Paul's:*

*Tuesday, September 12th*

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayers

*Sunday, September 17th*

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II



The Head of this Church:

Jesus Christ

Presiding Bishop: The Most Reverend Michael Curry

Bishop of Oklahoma: The Rt. Rev. Edward Konieczny

Priest-In-Charge: The Rev. Suzanne Mollison

Senior Warden: John Womack

Junior Warden: Philip Brandon

Vestry Members: Iva Nell Templer-2019

Philip Brandon-2019

Nancy Davidson-2019

Ken Aungst-2018

Rick Hammock-2018

Carol McElroy-2020

John Womack-2020

Treasurer: Philip Brandon

Parish Clerk: Nancy Davidson

Pledge Clerk: Iva Nell Templer

ECW President: Paula Womack

Guild Directress: Iva Nell Templer

Organist: Tom Cotner